



More Chickasaw Graduates Inside

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Gospel Singing at Boggy Depot

July 11, 4-10 p.m.
Boggy Depot Historic Park,
Atoka, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

GOURDget Class Ada with Dustin Mater

July 14, 6:30-8 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building,
Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520

Movie Night at the Museums: The Boxtrolls

July 17, 8:30 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol
Grounds, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Stomp Dance July 18, 8 p.m.-dawn Kullihoma

(580) 622-7140

Pine Needles Baskets Class

July 18, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House
Museum, Tishomingo
(580) 371-9835

GOURDget Class Sulphur with Dustin Mater

July 21, 2-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios,
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8040

Chickasaw Cultural Center Five Year Anniversary

July 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center,
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Dream Catcher Class

July 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol,
Tishomingo
(580) 371-9835

Native Creativity Celebration

July 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center,
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130



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Preventive care for small town, rural Chickasaws

Van delivers care to young Chickasaws



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Secretary of Health Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker at the unveiling of the Chickasaw Nation Caring Van June 26 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. The van is a collaborative effort between the Chickasaw Nation and the Oklahoma Caring Foundation. It offers local communities and rural areas with access to preventive health services. Photo by Marcy Gray.

ADA, Okla. - Young Chickasaws who live in rural and small communities throughout the Chickasaw Nation just received some great news regarding their access to preventive health care.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Oklahoma Caring Foundation, Inc. Executive Director Paula Huck unveiled the Chickasaw Nation Caring Van June 26, at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

The van is a collaborative effort between the Chickasaw Nation and the Oklahoma Caring Foundation. It will provide local communities and rural areas with access to preventive health services.

The Oklahoma Caring Foundation provides the customized van at no cost, and the Chickasaw Nation provides staffing for health services and operation of the van.

Gov. Anoatubby said the van

offered another way to deliver preventive health care services to citizens in rural areas.

"Improving access to health care has always been a high priority for the Chickasaw people, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"Using this van to bring these services to young people in rural areas will be a great service to families who may find it difficult and time consuming to travel to one of our clinics or the medical center. We appreciate the Oklahoma Caring Foundation helping us deliver these vital health services to our young people. That is very important, because these young people are the future leaders of our tribe and our state."

The Chickasaw Nation Caring Van will focus on children's health, but be open to all ages, providing immunizations, preventative screenings, dental screenings and health and well-

ness educational activities.

"Chickasaw Nation Department of Health statistics demonstrate a need to expand preventative dental services in remote, rural areas of the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Through the partnership with Oklahoma Caring Foundation we have the opportunity to provide these services."

The van is staffed by a public health nurse. The van will be located in Tishomingo and will travel to other locations, including Chickasaw Senior Centers, Community Centers and Chickasaw Nation events and activities.

About the Oklahoma Caring Van program

The Oklahoma Caring Van program, operated by Oklahoma Caring Foundation, Inc., provides immunizations and

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Ross, Paul, Jefferson, Frazier to be inducted

Chickasaw Nation 2015 Hall of Fame ceremony July 21



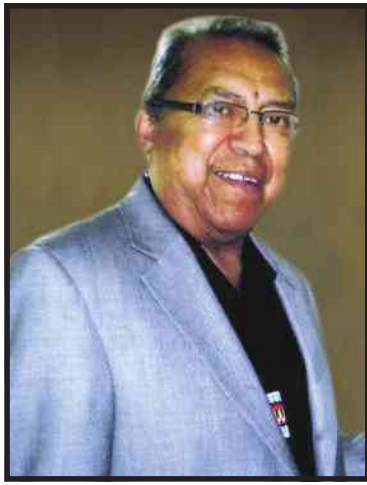
Thelma "Chincie" Ross



Homer Paul



Rose Shields Jefferson



Rev. Jefferson Davis "Sonny" Frazier

NORMAN, Okla. - The 2015 Chickasaw Hall of Fame induction ceremonies have been set for Tuesday, July 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman.

Induction ceremonies will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A historic preservationist, a humanitarian, a protector of the Chickasaw language and a spiritual leader make up the 2015 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Thelma Ross, of Tuttle, Okla.; Homer Paul, of Oklahoma City; Rose Shields Jefferson, of Ada, Okla.; and the late Rev. Jefferson Davis "Sonny" Frazier will be honored and inducted into the hall during the ceremony.

Governor Bill Anoatubby will take part in the ceremony inducting the new class of honorees.

"As we induct these worthy individuals into the hall of fame we pay tribute to the indomitable spirit they have displayed throughout their lives," Gov. Anoatubby said. "While each of these individuals is unique, they share an uncommon passion for

life that enabled each of them to do great things. These men and women remind us that true success is measured by the positive impact we have on others."

Thelma Ross

Thelma "Chincie" Ross has dedicated her life to serving the people of her community and enriching the lives of both community members and Chickasaw citizens.

Volunteering for years as the self-appointed guardian and caretaker of Tuttle's Silver City Cemetery, the 97-year-old Chickasaw citizen has protected a place of substantial historical value to both the Chickasaw Nation and the state.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Ross worked in varied positions with several tribes including the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Choctaw and Chickasaw. She also worked with the Navajo tribesmen who would serve as famed Code Talkers during World War II, and with American citizens of Japanese descent during the post-Pearl Harbor era.

A vital member of the Tuttle community, Mrs. Ross served as the town's first librarian, historian and voter registrar and contributed to countless city projects.

In 2009, Mrs. Ross was honored during Tuttle High School's 100th anniversary by serving as parade marshal. She was honored again in 2013 by local citizens and elected officials when they formally dedicated the Thelma "Chincie" Ross Meeting Room at Tuttle's new city hall.

Mrs. Ross has been an active member of the Chickasaw Nation northern Pontotoc tribal council for many years.

Homer Paul

Homer Paul has devoted his life to community and economic development, and now provides upcoming generations with ample opportunities to follow the path he forged.

During his 54-year career, Mr. Paul led two banks to become substantial and successful financial institutions, one from

startup and one from \$77 million to more than \$200 million in assets.

After earning his bachelor's degree in 1954, Mr. Paul joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served active duty for two years and achieved the rank of colonel.

He earned a juris doctorate in 1956 from the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

Mr. Paul and his late wife, Ramona were supporters of the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. He co-founded an endowment to fund an annual scholarship for an outstanding Pauls Valley (OK) High School senior bound for University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University, and is a financial supporter and contributor to many charitable organizations.

Mr. Paul serves on the Chickasaw Nation Industries board and has been a Rotarian for 51 years.

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Receives honorary doctorate from OCU

Gov. Anoatubby honored for commitment to education



Governor Bill Anoatubby is greeted with applause as he receives an Honorary Doctorate of Business from Oklahoma City University (OCU). At right is OCU President Dr. Robert Henry. The honorary degree was presented May 9. Gov. Anoatubby was cited for 40 years dedication to the Chickasaw Nation, the exponential growth in business experienced by the tribe under his leadership, and his commitment to higher education for Chickasaw citizens by providing scholarships and opportunities to attend institutions of higher learning.

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He has also served on boards of numerous organizations. In 2005, he was the recipient of the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Rose Shields Jefferson

A fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language who grew up speaking only Chickasaw, Rose Shields Jefferson devotes much of her life to sharing and teaching Chickasaw language, heritage and culture. Mrs. Jefferson, a full-blood Chickasaw, serves on the Chickasaw Language Committee. She has been influential in developing “new” words in the Chickasaw Language, along with taking part in the development of the Chickasaw Nation Language app. Mrs. Jefferson is a member of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Chickasaw Nation Senior Center in Ada, and National Indian Council on Aging. She serves on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and participates in the Chickasaw Elder Choir, singing traditional hymns at events and gatherings. Known for her beautiful bead work, Mrs. Jefferson sews for patients at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and makes Chickasaw regalia for special events. Born July 25, 1944, to Minnie Allen Shields and Joseph Shields, Mrs. Shields is a 1965 graduate of Haskell Institute. She is a 2006 Chickasaw Nation Circle of Honor Silver Feather Award recipient and was named an AARP Indian Elder Honoree

for the State of Oklahoma in 2013. Mrs. Jefferson and her husband, Marion Gene have three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Jefferson Davis “Sonny” Frazier

Known as a mentor, educator, counselor and spiritual leader, the late Jefferson Davis Frazier touched the lives of Oklahoma public school and Carter Seminary students, Chickasaw Medical Center patients and families and parishioners of Boiling Springs United Methodist Church during his life. Born Sept. 5, 1946 at Stonewall, Okla., he graduated from Tupelo (OK) High School and earned an undergraduate degree in government and a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from East Central (OK) University. During his career, Rev. Frazier provided counseling in the Oklahoma public school system and worked as director of Chickasaw Nation education programs for more than 17 years. He served as director of Carter Seminary, Ardmore, and was later appointed chaplain of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Rev. Frazier also served as pastor of Boiling Springs United Methodist Church near Lula, Okla. At the church he shared his culture and heritage in a multitude of ways and was committed to keeping his culture and heritage alive. He served other churches as a pastoral minister for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference in Oklahoma and Dallas.

Rev. Frazier left a true legacy within the Chickasaw Nation through his employment and as a minister. He died Feb. 4, 2012, at the age of 65.

About the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, RSVP information

The 2015 Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremony will take place Tuesday, July 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2501 Conference Dr., Norman. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet will begin at 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Chickasaw musician/composer Zachary Garcia. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event. To make reservations contact Brielle Helm at (580) 436-7258 or email brielle.helm@chickasaw.net. In 1987 the Chickasaw Nation began honoring Chickasaws who made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community by induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Since then, many Chickasaw men and women have been nominated and inducted into this prestigious circle of honor. Induction into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net. CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

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preventive health services to children in families who encounter barriers accessing care. The Oklahoma Caring Vans partner with child care facilities, community organizations and school districts to provide vaccinations and help reduce the risk of disease in communities across the state. Since the program began in

October 1999, more than 140,000 Oklahoma children have received immunizations from registered immunization nurses aboard the Caring Vans. Established in 1994, the Oklahoma Caring Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization funded by community contributions and administered by Blue Cross and

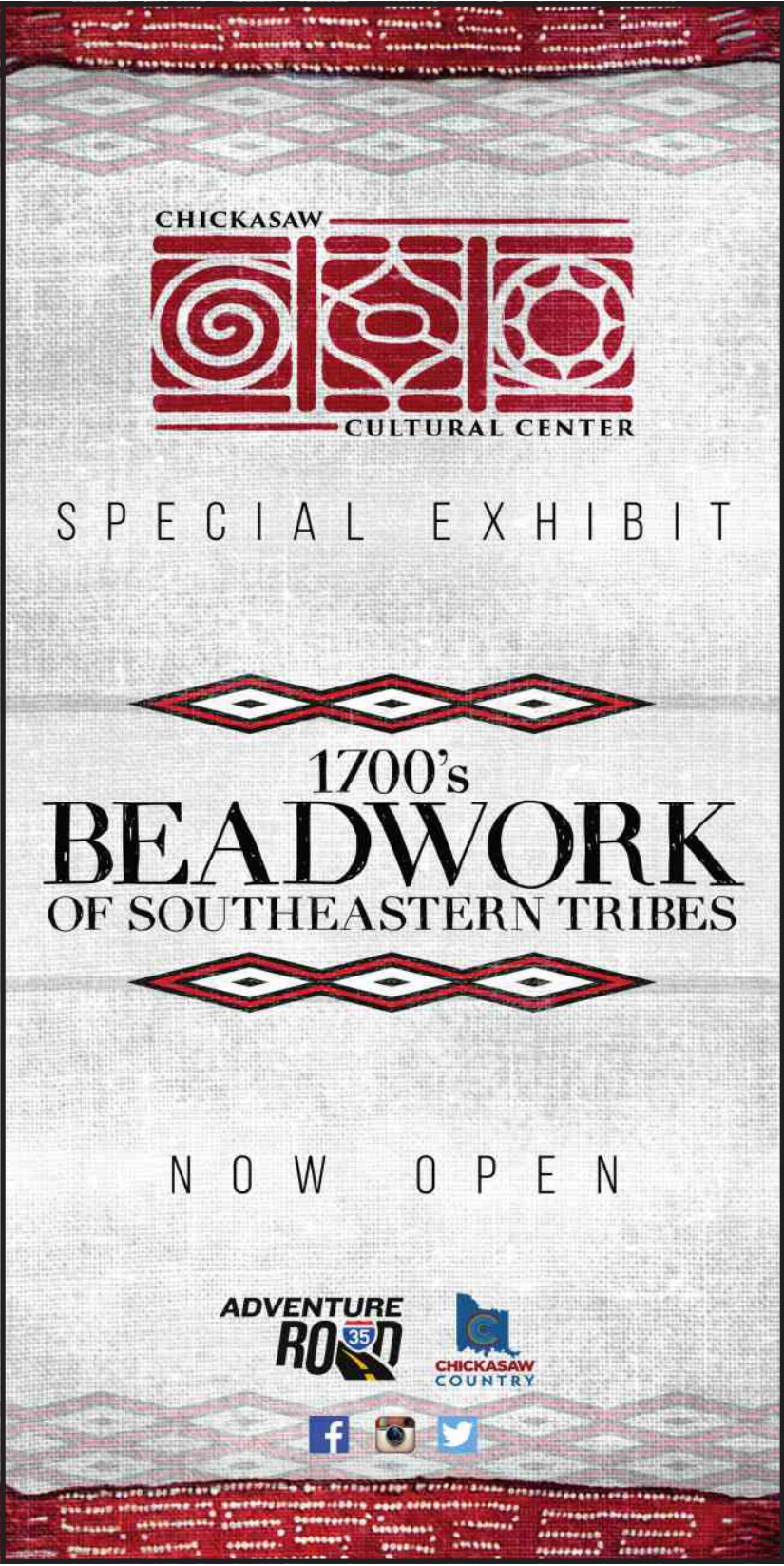
Blue Shield of Oklahoma as an in-kind donation. For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Caring Van, call the Chickasaw Medical Center at (580) 436-3980. For more information about Oklahoma Caring Foundation and Oklahoma Caring Van Program visit <http://oklahomacaringfoundation.org>.

Chickasaw artists showcased during Santa Fe Art Markets



Chickasaw artists will showcase their art this year at the Santa Fe Indian Market and Indigenous Fine Art Market in Santa Fe, N.M. The markets are in August during a week celebrating Native American art and culture. The Indigenous Fine Art Market starts off the weeklong celebration Aug. 20-22. The market, located in the Santa Fe Railyard Arts District, features more than 400 artists, live music and many other activities. Chickasaw artists Kristen Dorsey, Tyra Shackelford Wal-

lace and Dustin Mater will display their art during the festival. The Santa Fe Art Market is Aug. 22-23. It is the largest and most prestigious juried Native arts show in the world, with more than 700 artists, including Chickasaw artists Daniel Worchester, Margaret Roach Wheeler, Brent Greenwood, Tyra Shackelford Wallace and Maya Stewart. For more information on the Santa Fe art markets or these Chickasaw artists, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.



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Every day of the year a great day to be Chickasaw!



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

The United States is now one of the longest continually operating countries in history. On Independence Day 2015, Americans celebrate 239 years of independence. On July 4, 1776, the Founding Fathers declared America's independence from Great Britain with the signing of our Declaration of Independence. Independence Day is, of course, a major celebration for all U.S. citizens. This marks the day our country rejected British colonialism and authority and officially struck out on her own. Of course, there would be many battles against the British

during the American Revolutionary War, in which the U.S. eventually prevailed with the American victory over Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781. The Treaty of Paris, officially recognizing American independence, was signed in 1783. For Chickasaws, Independence Day is a great day. Despite the many challenges, stresses and serious issues between the U.S. and the Chickasaw Nation over the 239 years, Chickasaws are proud American citizens. Throughout history, Chickasaws have served in great numbers in the U.S. military and have fought for their country on numerous battlefields throughout the world. Of course, we have been Chickasaw citizens far longer than we have been U.S. citizens. While that fact can be somewhat perplexing to non-Chickasaws, it is a relationship we cherish and celebrate. We are uniquely Chickasaw, and uniquely American...a wonderful combination! Our tribal history, including our fully functioning government, became the bedrock of the recognition of our sovereignty. The U.S. Constitution, most particularly through its Commerce Clause, makes is clear that, from the very beginning, the U.S. recognized the tribal governments of the land

as sovereign entities. Thus, we Chickasaws have a "dual citizenship." We have embraced our American nation and all the good things she represents. We also treasure our Chickasaw Nation. Our tribal government has operated consistently for countless generations, and our common culture binds us together as nothing else can. Over the many years, Chickasaws have counted on each other and built a strong nation through incredible effort and commitment. We have the unique gift of being patriotic American citizens, and also loyal and dedicated Chickasaws. Our relationships with our country and our tribe are deep, historic and completely natural. We celebrate the sacrifices that have been made to bring us to this point in our history. We enjoy living in a free and democratic country, and we cherish the enduring connections of our tribal family. It's a great day to be an American and a Chickasaw!

'Pearl'

Remembrance of a Chickasaw aviatrix



Remembered in her early life as a pioneering aviatrix, Pearl Carter Scott was a Chickasaw statesman later in life. She was elected to the newly re-established Chickasaw legislature in 1983. Mrs. Scott has been inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame, the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, the International Women's Air and Space Museum Hall of Fame and is a charter member of the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

People need heroes, those who push themselves beyond the expected. They remind us that no matter the situation or the odds, anything is possible. Pearl Carter Scott's life embodied the spirit. While other 13-year-olds were busy playing under Oklahoma skies, she was busy flying through them. "Pearl is a legendary figure in the history of Oklahoma, the world of aviation and in

She learned many life's lessons early from her father, George Carter. Although blind, Mr. Carter did not let his disability impede his capacity to provide for his family. He was one of the most successful businessmen in Mrs. Scott's small hometown of Marlow, Oklahoma. Mrs. Scott was a "daddy's girl," according to Paul F. Lambert's book "Never Give Up! The

the gas pedal of the car for the throttle of an airplane. Legendary aviator Wiley Post met Mrs. Scott and was so impressed by her daring nature and wisdom for someone so young that he began teaching her to fly. At age 13, Mrs. Scott was officially granted her student pilot's permit, becoming the first Chickasaw aviator and the youngest flier in the United States at the time. The year was 1927.

By 14, she was working as a commercial pilot, ferrying packages and passengers across the state. She also became a favorite attraction at air shows across Oklahoma as the youngest performing barnstormer. Her career as a pilot ended when she began her family. Once again, she put others before herself. Married with one child and another on the way, she decided flying was too dangerous a profession. Her family depended on her, and the dangers were too great. After her immediate family was grown, Mrs. Scott devoted her life to her extended Chickasaw family. She became a community health representative for the Chickasaw Nation. Often on 24-hour call, and averaging more than 2,000 miles a month in travel, she provided more than just information pertaining to health matters. She also connected tribal citizens to all resources they were eligible to receive. Service to the tribe continued after Mrs. Scott's retirement. She was asked to run for the re-established Chickasaw legislature in 1983 by

Governor Overton James and then-Lt. Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Mrs. Scott was elected and served three terms in office. During her tenure, she helped oversee tremendous growth in tribal operations and services. Mrs. Scott was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame, the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, the International Women's Air and Space Museum Hall of Fame and is a charter member of the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Her portrait is displayed in the lounge of the Oklahoma

House of Representatives in the Oklahoma State Capitol Building. She died in March 2005 at age 89. In 2007, the Chickasaw Press published "Never Give Up! The Life of Pearl Carter Scott." This was followed by an award winning feature film, "Pearl," in 2010. Both are available to purchase online chickasawoutpost.com.

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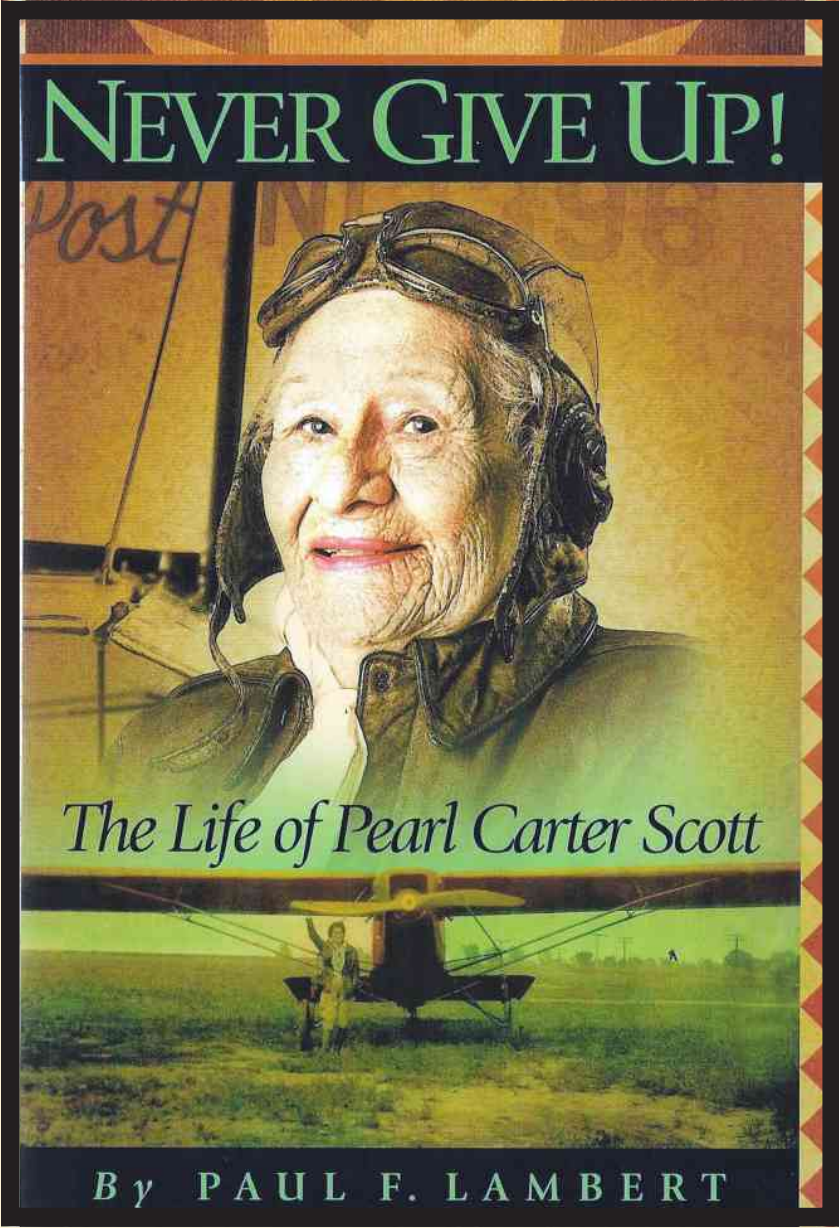


"Pearl" is the true and inspiring story of Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott, the youngest licensed pilot in American history. Her story was documented in the 2010 feature film "Pearl." The DVD is available for purchase online at chickasawoutpost.com

the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "She was a dynamic, determined and caring individual who exemplifies many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people. She was a unique individual who had a profoundly positive impact on everyone she met." Mrs. Scott understood the importance of family and responsibility to family members. Many of her most important decisions were based on the needs of the people in her life.

Life of Pearl Carter Scott." She knew that someone should be with Mr. Carter whenever he was in an unfamiliar location. She would groom Mr. Carter, read him newspapers daily and learned to guide him without allowing others to immediately notice his disability. The loyalty and wisdom Mrs. Scott showed to her father was rewarded. By age 11, she knew how to drive and Mr. Carter bought her car of her own. Within the year, she had traded

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"Never Give Up! The Life of Pearl Scott Carter" recounts the remarkable life of Pearl Carter Scott, child aviator, devoted mother, and revered Chickasaw elder. The book is available for purchase at chickasawpress.com.

Lighthorse Police help rescue 8 in flooding

PICKETT, Okla. – Chickasaw Lighthorse Police, working in tandem with Pontotoc and Murray county lawmen and fire officials, saved a total of eight lives during flash flood rescues June 18.

“While these acts of courage and selfless dedication are second nature to our Lighthorse officers, we should never take them for granted,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “We can all rest a bit easier knowing these are the kind of men and women who are on duty protecting our families and our communities.”

Massive amounts of rain in a one-day period – an estimated nine inches near Ada and about 12 inches in Murray County – forced rivers out of their banks, overflowing roads and bridges and flooding homes and businesses. Interstate 35 was shut down following a rock slide.

The heavy June 18 rains followed nearly two months of much higher than average rainfall in the area.

Five people were rescued in the wee hours of the morning on County Road 3490 near Pickett.

Three people were rescued from a home flooded by the Washita River in Davis later that day.

The Lighthorse officers helping with rescues were Capt. Vincent Walters, Capt. Steve Cash, Sgt. Terry Laxton, Sgt. Phillip Wood, Special

ed a mother and her child, two other women and one man. All were Native American.

were then rescued. The victims were not identified. All were taken to the hospital for evaluation.

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THE DAVIS RESCUE

The call to help three women who lived near the raging Washita River came in about 10 a.m., the same day.

Lighthorse police needed a larger watercraft, so they called in a Zodiac with larger motor. They set up behind Treasure Valley Casino. The home they needed to reach was approximately one mile away.

“It is an inflatable raft, but very stable in choppy, fast-moving water,” Capt. Cash said. “The thing we had to watch out for was debris, fences, road signs ... any object that might puncture the skin.”

The women were saved without incident.

WORKING TOGETHER HELPS ALL

“I believe the way all agencies worked together is the deciding factor in all this,” Special Agent Crow said. “It wasn’t just Lighthorse or Ada fire department or sheriff’s deputies. We all came together, worked together and planned together to help citizens.”

Capt. Cash also said the partnership between Lighthorse and other agencies, including state troopers, brings top professionals together to solve problems as a team.

“We arrive on scene and everybody looks to each other for answers, a plan and for leadership,” he said. “It happened this time and it will again in the future. It isn’t unusual for a Chickasaw Lighthorse officer to be looked at as a respected, professional leader. We have a great relationship with all of our partners in the 13 counties we work in.”

For Special Agent Crow, his dry office was a welcome respite June 19.

“I’d rather go into a situation where I’m arresting an armed fugitive,” he said. “At least I know going into it what I’m up against. In Thursday’s rescues there were just too many unknowns for me to be entirely comfortable.”

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Chickasaw Lighthorse Police and emergency responders from the Ada Fire Department help a family to safety after they were surrounded by flash flooding near Pickett, Okla. The family of five was rescued in the early-morning hours when their SUV was swamped by flood waters.



An Ada fireman ties off a Chickasaw Lighthorse Police rescue boat on Pontotoc County Road 3490. A family of five was rescued when the SUV they were driving became swamped in flash flood waters near Pickett.

Agent Chris Crow and investigators Brandon Burchfield, Chad Harp and Jason Edwards.

FIVE SAVED IN PICKETT

Five people were saved after the SUV in which they were traveling was swept into flood waters on County Road 3490 in Pontotoc County. Chickasaw Lighthorsemen Crow and Walters received a call to assist from the Pontotoc County sheriff’s office at 5:10 a.m. They were on scene at approximately 5:50 a.m.

“The family was very fortunate,” Special Agent Crow said. “The car stalled out and began drifting with the current but became lodged on a patch of ground that was still above water. Had the water kept rising, they would have been in real trouble.”

Special Agent Crow estimated the water was traveling at speeds of 20-25 miles per hour. Occupants of the SUV included

Fast water rescues are rare in Oklahoma, Special Agent Crow and Capt. Cash said, so training experiences are limited.

“Each instance is different and each requires a different plan of attack and on-the-spot decisions of how to best keep everyone safe and alive,” Capt. Cash said. “Where our training pays off is in keeping a cool head, thinking problems through and then executing them as best we can under the circumstances.”

Special Agent Crow manned a small motorboat on the Pickett rescue. Ada firemen secured his boat to guard rails not submerged by water. Special Agent Crow could venture out into the swift current knowing officers could pull the craft to safety. He picked up the mother and child first. They, along with the others, had abandoned the car and were standing on the thin patch of ground not yet overtaken by rushing water.

The two women and man



Three remaining victims of flash flooding near Picket stand on a piece of dry ground awaiting rescue by Chickasaw Lighthorse Police. Five members of the family drove into flash flood waters near Pickett, Okla. However, the dry ground proved beneficial as they exited the vehicle and awaited rescue in the early morning incident.

State legislators visit Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

The Chickasaw Nation teams with Oklahoma Legislative Diabetes Caucus

ADA, Okla. - Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy (R-Purcell) and State Sen. Susan Paddack (D-Ada), traveled to Ada recently, to take a tour of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Diabetes Care Center.

The Chickasaw Nation is working alongside Sen. Paddack and the Oklahoma Diabetes Caucus to

make a bigger impact in the treatment and prevention of diabetes across the state.

Oklahoma is the third state in the U.S. to have a Diabetes Caucus. Members advocate to counteract Oklahoma’s diabetes epidemic through legislation and other collaborative and public measures.

Diabetes is growing at an epidemic rate in the U.S. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), close to 30 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes and are facing the devastating consequences. The Chickasaw Nation’s focus is to establish and support

programs and services for patients with diabetes, to improve lifestyles, prevent the disease and ultimately, find a cure.

Along with the services and resources provided through the Diabetes Care Center, the Chickasaw Nation hosts a yearly Diabetes Camp - a fun and interactive edu-

cational experience. Participants must be patients of the Chickasaw Nation Medical center or a Chickasaw Nation satellite clinic (Ardmore, Purcell or Tishomingo).

For more information, contact the Diabetes Care Center at (580) 421-4532 or (800) 851-9136.

Josh Turner has focus on making U.S. Olympic Team

Chickasaw kayaker wins national trial in Houston

HOUSTON - A Chickasaw kayaker placed first in the 16K U.S. Marathon Trials conducted here June 6.

Josh Turner topped 20 other kayakers to take first with a time of 1 hour, 37 minutes in the race which is just shy of 10 miles.

Josh began his career in kayaking in a canoe and kayak league started by OKC River-sport and the Chickasaw Nation. The 17-year-old Mustang (OK) High School student - he will be a senior this autumn - is dedicated to making the U.S. Olympic Team. Winning here helped, but six other competitions between June and October will be high on the list of selecting members of the U.S. team. It will probably be in early 2016 before team members are selected.

Until then, Josh remains a very busy young man.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Josh Turner had "a great work ethic."

"Josh is successful because he has set meaningful goals and works diligently to make the most of his natural abilities," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It is inspiring to see his dedica-

tion and commitment to this sport at such a young age."

In July, Josh will venture to San Diego for Nationals in the 200-, 400- and 1,000-meter races, both individually and with a new rowing partner, Miles Baker, a 16-year-old from Bethany, Okla.

"We are trying to put a four-man team together to compete, too," Josh said. The team would be comprised of Baker, Garrett Wampler, Anthony Moore and Josh.

His training regimen is on the shorter races for now, but when he heads to Marathon World later in the summer, he will be competing alone in a 26K race. Twenty-six kilometers is approximately 16.1 miles and will require more than two hours to finish, Josh said. That competition is in Hungary.

"I will be really busy with six competitions over the next four or five months," Josh said.

At the Houston 16K race Josh was impressed with the level of competition. "There were good competitors there, but I kept pushing until I pulled ahead," he said.

The son of Chickasaws Jer-

ry and Sandra Turner, of Mustang, Josh trains twice a day with coach Andy Guiardinu at the Boathouse in Oklahoma City. In typical Chickasaw fashion, when asked what it felt like to be a national champion, Josh said: "It doesn't feel any different from before. I am focused on making the Olympics."

To learn more about this Josh, visit <https://www.chickasaw.tv/home/video/cntv-july-15-2014-josh-turner-youth-kayaking-champion/list/news>.

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Chickasaw kayaking champion Josh Turner and Governor Bill Anoatubby visited recently concerning Josh's goal of making the U.S. Olympic Team.

Former Jr. Chickasaw Princess crowned Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma 2015



Former Jr. Chickasaw Princess Faithlyn Seawright with Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Miss Seawright was crowned Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma 2015 in May.

ADA, Okla. - Former Jr. Chickasaw Princess Faithlyn Seawright was crowned Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma 2015 in May. She is the first Chickasaw to hold the title.

Miss Seawright is an avid artist, intellectual, conversationalist, world-traveler and stickball player entering her senior year at Latta (OK) High School.

She is in the gifted and talented program in school and is involved in the Chickasaw Nation Leadership Program, Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program, Chikasha Bak-Bak youth stickball team and Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

Some of her many accomplishments include studying ancient civilization in Europe, being an extra in the Chickasaw Nation-produced movie "Te Ata," singing back up for nationally-acclaimed Chickasaw songstress Tabitha Fair at a National Football League Kansas City/New York Jets game, and performing the national anthem with the Chickasaw ensemble at an Oklahoma City Thunder game.

Growing up immersed in her Native culture has helped her understand what it means to be Native American.

"It means a lot of things. We are very rich in culture," Miss Seawright said, adding that she sees beauty in indigenous culture and takes pride in tribes overcoming barriers to become self-governing.

Miss Seawright takes every opportunity to share her heritage with others. As part of her duties, she demonstrates Chickasaw culture and tells why it is important to give the whole story of American history in Oklahoma schools.

Miss Seawright has held a number of titles and honors opening many doors for her to share her Native heritage.

"The titles that I've held have helped me to be more comfortable with talking about my culture," Miss Seawright said.

Her platform as Jr. Miss is implementing Native awareness in schools; overcoming identity barriers.

"It is important to tell the whole story of how America came to be," Miss Seawright said.

"Faithlyn is very deserving of this honor," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "She is an outstanding young lady who has done a great deal to help preserve Chickasaw culture and heritage because she understands the importance of passing that legacy on to future generations."

Miss Seawright also won best tribal dress and highest number of ads sold in the May competition.

For her talent, she took the original idea of speed painting and made it her own by sketching instead. The result was a portrait of a Native American woman. While she has only had one art class in school, she has tremendous talent.

She made her own beaded collar and pucker-toe moccasins for the pageant and a close family friend made her traditional dress.

"I consider myself to be a self-taught artist," Miss Seawright said.

She has even been accepted to the Institute of American Indian Arts Summer Bridge Program in Santa Fe, N.M., where she will take three college classes this summer.

She embraces growing up in a matriarchal society. She accepts the responsibility that comes with holding a prestigious Native American title and being in a role model position.

"You're in a culture that looks up to you," Miss Seawright said. "It is important to have strong Native women to look up to."

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In the game at the right, see if you can match the Chickasaw word with its corresponding picture, then visit *Chickasaw.tv/ChickasawTimes* for the answers!

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Draw a line from the word to the correct object above!

Veterans from all branches, including two from legislature, at conference

Last month I mentioned that Chickasaw Nation had hosted their first Chickasaw Tribal Veteran's Conference at Winstar Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma. It was nice to see veterans from all branches of the military in attendance. Even the Legislative Branch of the Chickasaw Nation was well represented. Mr. Robert Cheadle



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



Mr. Robert Cheadle attended the Veteran's Day event. He serves as Legal Council for the Tribal Legislature.



Mr. Harold Stick at the Tribal Veteran's Day at Winstar. Mr. Stick serves as the Sergeant of Arms for the Legislature.

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature; a position he has been in since 2001. Another worker from the Legislative Branch to serve in the military is Mr. Harold Stick. Harold served in the United States Marine Corps for 25 months 8 days. He also served during the Vietnam War. After the USMC, he was in the National Guard from 1977-2004. During this time, he served in "Enduring Freedom". In the Legislature, Mr. Stick is the Sergeant-of-Arms for all Legislative Sessions. He has served in this position since 1994.

At the North Texas Community Dinner, I met many interesting people.



L-R: Rob Cole, Donna Cole, Brian Calhoun Trish Calhoun and Eva Bell at the Chickasaw Community Dinner in North Texas.



Dawn Cross and Shannon Marlett at the North Texas Chickasaw Community Dinner.

Here are a couple of pictures from the Dallas Community Dinner.

On June 13, 2015 we had an exciting family event occur! Can't wait to share that with you next month!

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has not pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18

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Become a Chickasaw Historical Society member, preserve our culture

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you? Summer is a great time to learn more about our history and culture, and the Chickasaw Nation has provided lots of resources so families can participate together.

A visit to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, the Chickasaw Council House Museum, or the Chickasaw White House with friends and family can be a great way to be a part of that history by helping preserve our culture.



NANCY ELLIOTT

Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Historical Society is involved in many activities throughout the year, which include publishing "The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture," which is a biannual publication, featuring more than 150 articles ranging from pre-history to modern day events.

There are different levels of membership, from the Regular Member level at \$25 per year up to the Corporate Patron level at \$355 per year. At every level, you receive a t-shirt and a copy of the Journal, which is published twice a year. By becoming a member, you are helping the Chickasaw Historical Society "continue the fire," as they place historical markers, publish journals, purchase artwork, fund activities, produce videos, help with language preservation and much more.

This is a great way for all Chickasaws to take an active part in preserving our culture for future generations. You can find out more about the Chickasaw Historical Society at our website, www.chickasaw.net.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way.
Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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We are all looking forward to the new Chickasaw Veterans' Lodge!

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. I hate to report that I have been under the weather again. But we are truly blessed to have the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and all of its capable and caring staff! They got me back on my feet in short order.

Sovereignty symposium was held on June 3 and 4. Some Legislators did attend and I'm told that it was as good as usual. I also could not attend the Southern California Community Council in San Diego, the Oklahoma City Community Council meeting at the Boat-house or the Albuquerque Community Council. Legislator Scott Wood attended in Albuquerque.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I'm very excited about the lodge that we are going to build for our veterans. And the additional programs and resources are badly needed. Don't forget to review the Warrior Society logos on page one of the Chickasaw Times and vote for your favorite.

The Ada senior site is sure missing Ruby (Milligan) McKenney who passed away a short while ago. Ruby was the oldest and longest member of the Ada site. She always had a smile on her face and helped with everything. Ruby even liked to answer the phone which is sometimes not the easiest job to do. She was also a long time member of the Chickasaw Cats. Rest in Peace, Ruby, we will not forget you.

You are probably receiving information from the candidates running for office this year like I am. I encourage all you Chickasaw voters to make sure you vote this year! Remember that the voting process is what makes the Chickasaw Nation a true democracy.

Chi ihullo li! I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you. Chipisala'cho!

Chickasaw housing, home upgrade programs helping Chickasaw families

Chokma! Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

Regardless of where we live, Chickasaw citizens from all walks of life are benefiting from the accomplishments and progress of the Chickasaw Nation.

Working together with Gov. Anoatubby, during the last two decades we have launched many successful ventures and enterprises, and have been able to establish a multitude of services to enhance the lives of all of our citizens.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Many Chickasaw Nation Housing programs and services are designed to assist our citizens in almost every phase of owning a home - from securing the funds for purchase, to maintenance and landscaping.

In fiscal year 2014, nearly \$5.5 million in funding was issued to 44 Chickasaw families through the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Home Counseling and loan services are offered to all Chickasaws for use in pre- and post-purchase, home maintenance projects, family budgeting and other important items.

The Chickasaw Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) helped 52 Chickasaw families in fiscal year 2014 with grants to repair or rehabilitate their home.

The Handicapped Accessibility grant provides assistance to income-eligible Chickasaws to make their homes handicapped accessible. This grant is available to citizens living outside the tribal boundaries.

Chickasaw Farms, located in the Tishomingo District, in Davis, Okla., provided 236 initial landscaping packages and 139 supplemental packages to 375 Chickasaw homeowners last fiscal year. In addition, Chickasaw Farms harvested more than 270,000 square-feet on sod to be used by Chickasaw homeowners.

These landscaping programs provide Chickasaw homeowners the tools to create a yard with "curb appeal."

Our tribe is very blessed.

It has been said that "Home is where the heart is" and tribal Housing Programs provide assistance to citizens - from the foundation to the roof to trees, flowers and shrubs - so our citizens can put down roots in the community and thrive.

For more information on Chickasaw Nation Housing Programs contact the Housing Department at (580) 421-8800.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chokma'shki,
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EMS building considered for space, response time improvement

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family. Summer is a busy time in the Chickasaw Nation. Youth camps are in full swing, and Chickasaw kids from all over the country are enjoying activities in Camp Survivor, Golf Camp, Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) and many more! Last month we broke ground on a new 6,000 square-foot Youth Club in Sulphur.



TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is so important we provide our children a safe environment, with activities and programs that build the foundation of their future success.

In Legislative session, one resolution we are considering is a new Emergency Medical Services Building to be located on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center campus in Ada. This EMS facility will include a four bay ambulance holding area, office, sleeping quarters, kitchen and dining area, training room, laundry, and bathroom/shower area. This addition will free up space within the Medical Center that can be used for other much needed services and help to eliminate the current 30 minute call back system for transfers after hours.

A big thank you goes out to the Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council for all their work on the summer picnic at the Devon Boat House. I was honored to be asked to start the event by blessing the meal and excited to begin the prayer in our Chickasha Anompa' (Chickasaw language). Approximately 1,000 Chickasaws and their families turned out for a great day. The rain held off and temperatures were perfect for activities on the Oklahoma River. So many citizens told me how excited they were about the upcoming senior site and community center on the previous Sportsman's Club property on NW 39th St. in Oklahoma City. It will be an amazing place for our citizens to enjoy.



I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

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Farmers Market Nutrition Program offers awesome summer produce!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District! This month as we celebrated our independence, we should remember those that fought for our freedom. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Independence Day.

Weather is front and center again this month as we head into July. Usually by now we have put the storms and severe weather behind us. However we are leaving the month of June with record setting storms and torrential rainfall amounts. The devastation of life, homes, property, roads and land has been enormous. Destruction from flooding has not been seen like this in Oklahoma since 1941. Lakes that were just in a drought and practically unusable are now closed because they are to full of water. It's unreal how quickly you can go from one extreme to the other. You know the saying here in Oklahoma, "if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute." That absolutely applies.



STEVEN WOODS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

July is the middle of the farmers market program. Eligible Senior Citizens and those considered 100% disabled need to apply for the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Eligible participants receive farmer's market checks that can be used at farmers markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation to purchase healthy fruits and vegetables. There are also other summer food programs for students. Contact the Nutrition Services department for more information @ (888) 436-7255.

I hope that the summer will allow you to find time to visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. I would recommend seeing the Dugout Canoe Exhibit. It is one of the many unique displays that are only going to be there for a short time. It is an ancient dugout canoe discovered in a dry lakebed in Florida just a decade ago. You can see the hundreds of objects, paddles, fishing equipment, model canoes and more. Take your whole family, as it is a hands on exhibit. The admission is free to the Cultural Center with many activities to participate in throughout the day. Go join in a great time.

As always, please continue to share your ideas, questions, and concerns.

Your Legislator,
Steven Woods
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We have come far as a tribe, and there are many great things ahead for us!

With the advent of Chickasaw Removal to Indian Territory in the 1830s, the Chickasaw people were looking directly into the storm. The people would face numerous hardships as they established themselves in the new lands. They could foresee some, but certainly not all, of the challenges ahead.



DAVID WOERZ

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Few, if any, Chickasaws could predict the scale of intrusion that would be leveled by the federal government. In the late 1800s came the Dawes Commission, allotment and the attempt, in the early 20th century, to actually terminate the tribe.

With little respite, except for a brief period in the 1930s, the tribe and the people faced federal directives that were, at best, misguided and, at worst, terribly destructive.

Things finally began to improve for us in the 1970s as we once again formally elected our leadership and were able to effectively engage our sovereign status. However, resources were woefully short to handle the basic needs of the Chickasaw people. We were going to have to become more resourceful!

With the initial election of Bill Anoatubby to the governorship in 1987, our tribal fortunes began to improve. Up to that time we were utterly dependent on scarce federal dollars to fund our essential programs and services. Gov. Anoatubby knew we were going to have to generate our own resources if we were to properly and effectively serve Chickasaw people.

So our tribe embarked on a voyage so unique, it has defied duplication. Gov. Anoatubby recognized the benefits of our sovereign status and moved us into successful commercial business. The application of the Governor's vision has propelled us to heights we never imagined just 25 years ago!

I am very pleased to be a supporter of this approach, and I am looking forward to much more success for our tribe in the future. We are truly on the way!

We must always recall where we came from, and how we got to where we are today. The sacrifices made by those who preceded us, and the innovations produced by our leadership, have combined to make us the most successful, dynamic tribe in the country!

It is truly a great time to be a Chickasaw!

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Many thank to our valued veterans, who have served so honorably

Hello everyone, I hope you are having a great summer. Last month several Legislators attended the community council picnic in Santee, California hosted by the Chickasaw West Community Council. We had a really great time and it was nice to see old friends.

I would encourage each of you to join your local Chickasaw Community Council or one near you. Doing so brings a sense of community to those citizens whom live at large and connects them with relatives and friends that live within the boundaries of the Nation. Joining a community council also allows you a method of outreach to your Legislator so that me may better serve you.



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

During the month of July, as we celebrate our independence, I always take time to reflect on what God has given us as a great nation. We owe so much to so many Americans who sacrificed life and limb to insure that our country remained free. I think about the lives of children that were changed when they lost a parent to war, or how parents and grandparents have suffered at the news that their soldier was killed on the battlefield preserving the very freedom we enjoy today.

As you can tell from this article and past ones, I am a very patriotic citizen. I am also the proud wife of a Vietnam Veteran, the granddaughter of a WWII infantry soldier and the aunt of a young man serving in the United States Navy stationed in Pearl Harbor. I feel that our active military and veterans alike deserve our utmost gratitude and praise for their service to our country and the ongoing fight for freedom.

The Chickasaw Nation also respects and appreciates the sacrifices that have been made by our men and women in the armed forces. Plans have been announced to build a Veterans Lodge on the grounds of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Also, the first annual Veterans Conference was recently held at Winstar World Casino as a format for veterans and active military members to come together and be recognized for their contribution to their families, to their community and to their country.

At this time I would like to say "Thank You" for the freedom that my family and I enjoy while living in such a great country.

God bless,
Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator

More on 'The Story of Kali Homa,' and the history of this special place

In this article, I want to continue sharing "The Story of Kali Homa" by H.R. Antle. If you love Kulihome and Chickasaw history as I do, you'll enjoy Mr. Antle's writing .

..... A school was built for the education of the children and for a place of worship. The first building was constructed one hundred yards south of the old building. This was in use many years being abandoned as a school in 1908. The structure was used as a store until burned in 1910. Meanwhile, another school was built two hundred yards south of the old building. This was in use until the government abolished it a few years later. The school house was then moved several miles south to be used as a meeting house.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Only an old blackened stump lonely among waving stalks of corn, marks the place where happy Indian children came to play and learn the ways of the white man.

This year, 1932, the Indian Service saw the need of a school for these people and reorganized a full term grade school. The old church building will again be used as a school, together with the name Kall Homma. Mr.

Charles McGilberry whose Chickasaw name is Immayi-chi, and his wife, Umpa-cha-cha-ha,

are chosen as teachers. This couple are attending college at Ada, Oklahoma. Mr. McGilberry is a former student of Jones Academy, the Chilocco School, and a private eastern school Mercersbury Academy, Mercersbury, Pa. A total enrollment of forty pupils is expected.

A half-mile west of the springs lies the graveyard of Kali Homa. It is reputed to be more than seventy years old. Possessions of the departed ones may be seen upon the graves. Among the graves is that of Senator Sampson Johnston.

The Senator was not one of the group that we know, but a member of the law making bod of a Nation no longer in existence. The Chickasaw Nation was divided into four counties and each represented at Tishomingo by three Senators and eight Representatives. The function of the government was similar to that of our own.

Kali Homma has felt quite heavily the hand of the white man.

It was in 1834 General Leavenworth took command of an expedition to the wild prairie Indians. He directed the construction of a military road for his five hundred dragoons. This trail proceeded southwest from Fort Gibson, crossed the Canadian just below the mouth of Little River, southeast of the present town of Holdenville. On the north side of the river a camp was established and named after Lt. T.H. Holmes, under whose direction it was build. From this point the trail proceeded south and west passing near the town of Allen and on to a point on the Washita where Ft. Washita in later years was established. The trail undoubtedly came by the springs for they were the only waters known to the Indian guides, waters fit for drinking purposes.

More next month.
Respectfully,
Katie

National Foundation for Women Legislators headed to Oklahoma

Chukma! Chin Chukma to all my friends in the great Chickasaw Nation. I hope this finds you all well and hope that you escaped the Spring tornado and heavy rains that have affected so many of our people.

This month I want to tell you about the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) which is made up of over 150 elected women from across the United States.

I have just been elected to a board position as Oklahoma Tribal Director within this important organization. I am very honored to have been nominated and approved at the conference in Philadelphia.

I was invited to a meet and greet luncheon in the Oklahoma State Capitol in April. The Chairperson of NFWL is Senator Diane Allen of New Jersey and Oklahoma Senator Pam Peterson of Tulsa is the Oklahoma Representative. Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallon is fully supportive of NFWL and our plans to conference in Oklahoma. The picture shows me with Governor Fallon and Senator Allen.



DEAN MCMANUS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The luncheon was an opportunity to meet and greet the Senators and Representatives from Oklahoma because Oklahoma is hosting the NFWL Conference this year in Oklahoma City on September 11 - 15. Senator Peterson and I are Co-Chairs to plan the activities for the NFWL. The Chickasaw Nation will host one activity and I plan to have our dancers and maybe serve Indian tacos. I'm very excited about the NFWL coming to Oklahoma and I hope to make the conference the best ever!

The NFWL's vision is to empower and inspire elected women to become thoughtful leaders who shape America's future. It's Mission Statement is: "The Mission of the National Foundation for Women Legislators is to provide strategic resources to elected women for leadership development and effective governance networking at both the State and Federal levels."

Please visit with me at dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or call me at (580) 436-1460.

Chi ihullo li! (I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4



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Businesses tracking year-over-year 6% growth

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's Division of Education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2015

Tribal Government
Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$15.98 million for the month and \$121.21 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$9.25 million for the month and \$85.86 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses
Revenue net of gaming prizes through May totaled \$791.99 million. Net income before the transfers to

the Tribal Government was \$220,820,308 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets
At May 31, 2015, the tribal government funds had \$299.47 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$22.18 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$243.18 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.
As of May 31, 2015, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.07 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2015			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 9,937,826	903,258,441	913,196,266
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	111,269,853	(111,269,853)	-
Total funds available	121,207,679	791,988,588	913,196,266
Expenditures			
General government	4,788,492		4,788,492
Legislature	1,959,441		1,959,441
Judiciary	757,635		757,635
Education	14,463,937		14,463,937
Heritage Preservation	13,606,373		13,606,373
Health	13,870,923		13,870,923
Youth Services	2,484,486		2,484,486
Family Services	7,291,426		7,291,426
Nutrition Programs	4,622,564		4,622,564
Regulatory	6,840,863		6,840,863
Assistance Programs	15,174,891		15,174,891
Gaming expense	-	511,682,889	511,682,889
Other businesses' expense	-	170,755,244	170,755,244
Total expenditures	85,861,030	682,438,133	768,299,163
Increase in net assets	35,346,648	109,550,455	144,897,103
Beginning net assets	743,003,190	1,187,670,226	1,930,673,416
Ending net assets	\$ 778,349,838	1,297,220,680	2,075,570,518

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets May 31, 2015			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 299,469,172	243,184,390	542,653,562
Receivables	18,282,173	100,654,396	118,936,569
Inventory	66,303	8,027,316	8,093,619
Prepaid expenses	-	20,078,084	20,078,084
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed assets	461,118,590	1,040,023,713	1,501,142,303
Less payables	(586,400)	(115,825,358)	(116,411,758)
Net Assets	\$ 778,349,838	1,297,220,680	2,075,570,518

BIRTHDAY



Chickasaw citizen Hunter Pendergras, an eighth grader at St. Matthew Catholic School in El Paso, Texas was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. And Hunter became a teenager June 25! Happy 13th birthday and congratulations in making it into NJHS! Hunter is the son of Don (Chickasaw) and Genna Pendergras, of El Paso.



Acelin Jae Choktey Culberson turned 1 on May 28, 2015. Happy Birthday "Toots" we love you very much!! From: Mommy, Daddy, Auntie, and Grandma and Pawpa.



Julian Andres Alexander Jacome turned three July 1, 2015. Julian's family and friends are helping him celebrate his third birthday at the family's house in Missouri. Julian is the son of Joaquin and Jessica Jacome and the little brother of Emma Jacome and big brother to Delilah Jacome, of Nixa Missouri. Julian is the grandson of Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore, Okla., and Victor and Carmela Jacome of, Rogersville, Missouri. Happy birthday!! We love you very much!!



Gage Wisdom celebrated his third birthday with his family and friends at the Lazer Zone Family Fun Center on May 3. His cake was Jake and the Neverland pirates. We would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate his day with us. Gage is the son of Candice Wisdom and Big Brother to Serenity Wisdom. Grandparents are Noah Wisdom Jr. and Louise Shields. Great-grandparents are late Joseph and Minnie Shields, Lillie Wisdom and late Noah Wisdom. Sister and I love you to the moon and back Gage Lee!! So glad you had a great birthday.



Carl Evans turned 70 years young on June 2, 2015 Carl has been married to his wife Carolyn for 49 years. They have two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. In his spare time Carl enjoys fishing, golfing, swimming, and being outdoors. Carl is very proud of his Chickasaw heritage, and proud to be a Chickasaw citizen. His great uncle is former Chickasaw Governor Douglass H. Johnston. We hope you have a wonderful birthday, we love you very much grandpa! Love, Mike, Courtney, Drake and Jase.

CONGRATULATIONS



Devan A. Hill Bower is the son of Vicki R. Bower and in the fourth grade at Will Rogers in McAlester, Okla. He was honored to be in an extensive curriculum and participate in the Junior Bolt Ball. This teaches students to code using robotics. In May, he and his team members were in a competition in the Muskogee/Creek Nation where they won their division. Devan's mother would like to send many thanks to Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Reyher for the professional learning program for all students. Keep up the good work!



Jordan Colbert - Pisa Chukma Biyyi ka' and her soccer team, Solar Chelsea Elite, recently gained their fourth title as Texas State Champions. Jordan will be traveling with her team to Arkansas later in June to compete in regionals to capture a bid to the National Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the end of July. Jordan will also be representing the United States as part of the Stars N Stripes tour in Sweden and Denmark in July where she will compete against over 50 other countries. Pisa Chukma Biyyi Ka' resides in Allen, Texas with her father, Johnny Colbert - Nokoyuka and is a proud Chickasaw who embraces her heritage and Chickasaw culture.

CONGRATULATIONS



On Sunday, May 17, Peyton "Beans" Factor, of Ada, and a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, was crowned the new state champion in the Girls 7U division of the US Kids Golf Oklahoma State Invitational. The state invitational was in Broken Arrow at the Indian Springs Golf Club. One hundred twenty-five kids from 15 different states and one from Mexico descended upon the golf course to battle for the coveted title in their respective age divisions. At the end of day one, Beans found herself struggling but managed to dig herself out of last place to sit two strokes behind the leader ending the day in second place.

With the new day there was also a new Beans. Being in second place was something new to Beans, who went undefeated in the 2015 US Kids Golf Tulsa Spring Tour and was named Tour Champion just two weeks ago. With perseverance and determination, Beans faced day two head on. By the end of the third hole, she had taken the lead by one stroke and never looked back. Beans captured the title, ending the day 12 strokes ahead of her next opponent and finishing the tournament 10 strokes ahead of the pack. Beans just completed second grade at Hayes Elementary where she is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and was named JOM Student of the Year. She has received an invitation to compete at the US Kids Golf World Championship at Pinehurst, N.C., later this summer. The World Championship is the pinnacle event in the world for junior golf for kids ages 5-12. Now in its 16th year, over 1,500 players from over 40 countries compete in the invitation only event to become the world's best! Beans is the daughter of Jimsey and Sara Factor, of Ada.



The Woodlands (TX) High School Senior Awards Program was May 19. Logan Havern and Drew Dennis were among the students recognized. Logan was recognized for AP Honors and TWHS Boys Soccer Booster Club Scholarship. Drew was recognized for AP Honors, Mitchell Intermediate Students Helping Students and TWHS Student Council Scholarship. Logan and Drew will be attending Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS



Delaney Taylor, a Chickasaw citizen, of Bullard, Texas competed nationally at the World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa, June 4. She placed third in her class with her spotted pig, Polka Dot. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Jenny Roberts of Lone Grove, Okla.

BIRTHS



Kolby Lee Briggs was born April 11, 2015 at 12:54 a.m. weighing 7.5 lbs. and measuring 19 inches. Parents are Sara Neese and Tyler Briggs, of Cottonwood, Ariz. Maternal grandparents are Gloria Haught-Neese and Robert Neese, of Phoenix, Ariz. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Ranae Jones, of Rim Rock, Ariz., and the late Rowdy Briggs.



Tony and Ecaterina Perry welcomed their daughter Ilinca Sophia Nampakali Perry into the world at 1:28 p.m., on January 18, 2015 in England. Ilinca weighed 7 lbs., 13 ounces at birth. Her name reflects her multinational heritage: Ilinca is a traditional Romanian name, Sophia is the name of her great- and great-great grandmothers, and Nampakali is a Chickasaw word meaning "blossom" or "flower." Older brother Norman Simion Osiwakaa Perry, who turned two on Jan. 28, has looked after his sister from the start and runs to her cot when she cries. Juggling the sleeping schedules of two children is a challenge but we feel incredibly blessed! We know their late grandfather Norman Perry and great-grandparents Sophia and Johnson Perry would have been proud. We look forward to making Chickasaw culture a part of their life.

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Dagan Lampkin, Washington High School

Chickasaw high school athlete compiles sterling multi-sport record during career

Dagan Jahree Lampkin, graduated in May from Washington (OK) High School. She graduates as one of the most decorated athletes ever to play at the tradition rich school.

Dagan is a three-sport All-Stater, in fastpitch softball, basketball and slowpitch softball. She was named to the Fastpitch Coach's All-State team, the Girls Basketball Coach's All-State team, the Oklahoma Coaches Association Basketball All-State team, the Oklahoma Indian Basketball All-State team, and the Slowpitch Coach's All-State team.

She was named *Daily Oklahoman* Slowpitch Player of the

Year. She started every game for four years for the four-time State Champion winning 2013 Fastpitch, 2014 Slowpitch,

and was a captain for three years. Dagan was a four-time all-conference team member, along with several all tournament teams. She was named to the Oklahoma Girls' Basketball Coaches Association., Oklahoma Coaches Association, and Oklahoma Indian All-State basketball teams. She also played with the Oklahoma Choctaw team that won the Jim Thorpe 18U tournament in July, 2014.

in 2012, state semi-final team in 2013, and then the back-to-back state titles in 2014 and 2015. She was a three-time all conference selection, and was named conference MVP her senior year. She has been selected by the *Daily Oklahoman* as State Player of the Year. She was also selected to the Slowpitch Coaches Association All-

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Dagan Lampkin, 2015 graduate of Washington High School, Washington, Okla.



Dagan Lampkin displays her three state championship rings.



Dagan was a key player on her high school softball team.

In slowpitch, She was on the state quarterfinal team

ington Female Athlete of the

2014 Fastpitch, 2015 Slowpitch teams.

In fastpitch, she was on state semi-final teams in 2011 and 2012, followed by back-to-back titles in 2013 and 2014. She started at shortstop, and always batted in one of the top three spots.

She hit the very first pitch she saw as a freshman for a home run, and the final pitch she saw as a senior also for a home run, as it gave her team the lead in the State Championship game.

She was on all-conference teams all four years, and received many tournament and regional honors.

In basketball, she was on two state semi-final teams, and two area final teams. She played point guard



Dagan was an All-Stater as Washington's point guard.



Dagan signs her letter of intent to play softball for Seminole (OK) State College.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Indian State Fast Pitch Tournament July 17-19, 2015

ASA Hall of Fame and location TBD

ASA Registered Teams \$250
Non-Registered Teams \$275

Oklahoma ASA is offering \$20 team registration but each state association will be different.

Deadline for entry: July 2, 2015. Cashier's Check, money order, or business check. NO PERSONAL CHECKS.

All entry fees, team registration, roster, and team picture must be received by July 2, all team registrations will need to be verified by ASA.

CDIB along with photo ID must be provided at registration for each participant.
ASA modified rules will be in effect.

Any legal bat may be used with the exception of Senior League bats.

ALL BATS WILL BE TESTED BEFORE TOURNAMENT PLAY.
All game balls must be purchased at the ASA Hall of Fame.
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King bed -\$79
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Full breakfast buffet included to all paying guests.

ASA Registration information can be found at <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/about/contact-us>
Contact: Lisa Smith-Longman 405-609-9929, llongman32@gmail.com

Chickasaw Honor Guard places wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns

On May 25, 2015, the Chickasaw Honor Guard participated in the 140th Memorial Day Observance honoring the fallen of America's Armed Forces at Arlington National Cemetery. President Obama laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers then gave a brief speech thanking U.S. military personnel and their families for their service to our country, reminding us that freedom is not free.

Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel of the laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on behalf of all Chickasaw veterans. Lt. Gov. Keel was accompanied

by the Chickasaw Nation Honor guard, including Mike Reed, Ruebin Orphan, Roy Worcester, Michael Worcester and Ted Underwood.

Lt. Gov. Keel is a U.S. Army combat veteran with over 20 years of active duty service. "On Memorial Day we honor those who



President Obama makes remarks during Memorial Day observances at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, D.C.



Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel leads the Chickasaw Honor Guard to the Tomb of the Unknowns during Memorial Day observances in Washington, D.C.

gave their lives for our safety and those veterans alive today, all of whom deserve to be cared for as heroes," Lt. Gov. Keel said.

During his military service, Lt. Gov. Keel served as a Platoon Sergeant in Vietnam and received numerous awards and decorations for heroism, including two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star with "V" for valor, and the Army Commendation Medal with valor.

Congratulations
to our
2015
Chickasaw
Graduates!

Holly Elizabeth Suzanne Fain

Holly Elizabeth Suzanne Fain is a 2015 graduate of Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo. She is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Fain, sister of Halii (Fain) Preiss, and granddaughter of Jim and Julie Draves.

She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders on May 9, 2015.



Cheyenne Lee Nickell

Cheyenne Lee Nickell is a 2015 graduate of Kingston High School Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Sara Nickell, of Las Vegas, Nev., granddaughter of Jerald and Lynda Nickell, of Kingston, great-granddaughter of Tommy and Mary Nickell, of Roff, Okla., and great-great-granddaughter of Sadie Hearrell, of Mill Creek, Okla.

She is involved in many school activities including being a part of the FFA, National Honor Society, FCA, cheerleading and track. Her future plans are to go Southeastern and receive a business degree.



Natalie Rene Cope

Natalie Rene Cope is a 2015 graduate of Cameron University, Lawton, Okla. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration (BBA) in management degree. She completed an associate in science degree from Cameron University, December 14, 2013. She is the daughter of Robert Lanier Moore and Debra Louise Moore, granddaughter of Louis A Moore Sr., and Grace Moore, and great-granddaughter of Thomas Nowell Moore (Dawes Rolls, Chickasaw by blood) and Louisa Jane Moore.

She has balanced her busy life as a mother, Army wife, and student, while pursuing a career at Fort Sill Credit Union and most recently the Navy Federal Credit Union where she established many close friendships.

She is married to Staff Sergeant Joshua Cope, presently stationed at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Natalie received the Mollie Pitcher award in March, 2009 for her work with other Army wives. The Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher recognizes individuals who have voluntarily contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Field Artillery Community.

Upon completion of her degree, Natalie, her husband and five-year-old son Mitchell, will move to Sgt. Cope's new duty station in South Carolina.

Our family would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for their educational assistance. This helped Natalie and her family with educational expenses.

Natalie, we are very proud of you, and your accomplishments. Always follow your dreams and your heart, and you will be happy with where life leads you.



Bailey Bell

Bailey Bell is a 2015 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She proudly displayed her Chickasaw stole. She is pictured along with her siblings. All are descendants of the Chickasaw tribe and Maytubby family.



Elizabeth Ann Isaly

Elizabeth Ann Isaly is a 2015 graduate of Cypress Fairbanks Senior High School, Cypress, Texas. She is the daughter of Matthew and Kimberly Imotichey-Isaly, and the granddaughter of Bob and Johnnie Imotichey, of Fillmore, Okla.

She is a four-year member of the varsity volleyball team, four-year District All-Academic Volleyball team, 2015 All-State All-Academic Volleyball team, Team Captain (2014-15), National Honor Society (2013-15), member of Student Council for four years and Key Club for two years.

She was the recipient of the Cy-Fair Booster Club Scholarship recognizing senior student athletes. She is also a six-year member of the mother-daughter philanthropic organization National Charity League, Yellow Rose Chapter of Northwest Houston. Along with her mother and sister, Catherine, she volunteered numerous hours in the community.

In the fall, she will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where she has been accepted into the Dwight Look College of Engineering. Her preference will be petroleum engineering.



Jay Alexandra Odom

Jay Alexandra (Jacy) Odom, of Albuquerque, N.M., is a 2015 graduate of the University of Kentucky. She is the daughter of Chloe Shi Moore Odom and Dennis Odom, and the sister of Darcy Odom.

She graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 for her college career with a major in psychology and a minor in philosophy. She wore the Chickasaw Honor Stole at the graduation ceremony proudly.

During her time at Kentucky, she received several merit scholarships including Earnest Bean and University of Kentucky Provost. She also earned a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. She also served as President of the National Alliance on Mental Illness University of Kentucky chapter from 2012 to 2015.

She will be pursuing a PsyD at Rutgers University beginning in September 2015. She intends to focus on improving the lives of people with autism. She deeply appreciates all the assistance the Chickasaw Nation has provided toward her undergraduate and graduate studies.



Adrienne Tate Moretti

Adrienne Tate Moretti is a 2015 graduate of Texas Woman's University with a master of science degree in Speech Language Pathology. Adrienne previously earned a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Texas Christian University. She is the daughter of Peter and Johanna Moretti, the granddaughter of the late Georgia Carter Tate, of Heavener, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of the late Cherokee Rose Lynch Carter, of Durant, Okla.

Adrienne is currently living in Fort Worth, Texas and works for White Settlement Independent School District. She taught kindergarten there for seven years and has spent the past two years there as a speech language pathology assistant. Her future plans include completing an internship at Baylor All Saints Medical Center this summer and returning to White Settlement ISD in the fall to begin her Clinical Fellowship year.

Adrienne would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for all of the support she has received while completing her degree. Adrienne is pictured proudly wearing her Chickasaw Honor Stole.



Calli Kate Linn Conti

Calli Kate Linn Conti, of Southern California, is a 2015 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is the great-granddaughter of Jewell Eugene Nichols, an original Dawes enrollee, the granddaughter of Twila June Miller, of Phoenix, Arizona, the grandniece of Susie Adams Purcell, of Blanchard, Okla., and the daughter of Becky Linn Conti, of Southern California.

She graduated with University Honors as a double major in Marketing at The McCombs School of Business, and in Fine Arts in Theatre & Dance.

During her years at UT, she was a part of the McCombs Leadership Program, a sister of the Alpha Phi Fraternity, and was selected into the prestigious “Orange Jackets” women’s organization. She also had the opportunity to participate in the Business Law program in Edinburgh, Scotland. Throughout college, she was very active in the community and considers one of her greatest accomplishments to be completing the Austin Marathon in February 2014.

She received Chickasaw Foundation scholarships throughout her schooling and wants to extensively thank The Chickasaw Nation for supporting her dream of ultimately working for an innovative and serviceable company, where helping to improve people’s lives is at the forefront of its values.

She has accepted a position at Stryker Endoscopy in San Jose, Calif., as a recruiter, where she will passionately help people pursue and find their dream careers. Calli Kate intends to give back to the Chickasaw Nation, both financially and physically, as she strives to actively recruit diverse candidates from the Native American community into Stryker.



Marissa Nicole Becker

Marissa Nicole Becker, of San Antonio, Texas is a 2015 graduate of Texas State University after attending one year at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

She is the daughter of Twana Becker and Todd Becker, both of San Antonio, granddaughter of Durrett and Betty Collins, of Bromide, Okla., Kip Lowe, of San Antonio, and the late Lucille Lowe.

She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance Education. She was an Oklahoma State University Tau Beta alumnus of Chi Omega sorority. While at Texas State she was a member of the Texas State Strutters Dance Team for two years where she had the privilege to perform at the Macy’s Day Parade in New York City.

Nicole Renee Collins, her eight-year-old cousin, is her No. 1 fan and wants to dance just like Becker. She plans to teach dance this fall in San Antonio and then become a high school varsity dance coach.



C.J. Stewart

C.J. Stewart is a 2015 graduate of Langston University, Langston, Okla. He received his doctorate of physical therapy degree May 16, 2015. He graduated magna cum laude and was named twice to *Who’s Who Among College Students* while in graduate school. C.J. is the son of Mike and Jana Stewart, of Roff, Okla., and the grandson of Bobby and Neva Stewart, of Connerville, Okla., and Vernon Brown and Ellen Green, both of Roff, Okla.

His future plans include taking the NPTE exam in July and has accepted a position at Tulsa Bone and Joint, Tulsa, Okla.



Lauren “Caley” Wesberry

Lauren “Caley” Wesberry is a 2015 graduate of Michigan State University. She is the daughter of Chris and Stacy Wesberry, of Madill, Okla., and the granddaughter of Lewis and the late Lucretia Wesberry, of Hendrix, Okla., and the late Joe and Peggy Riddle, of Ada, Okla.

Caley will receive a master’s degree of public health with a certificate in public health administration. She completed the master’s degree program with a GPA of 4.0 and proudly wore her Chickasaw Nation Honor Stole. She will complete a practicum at Ingham County Health Department, East Lansing, Michigan, during summer 2015 and looks forward to working in the public health field.



Creede Estes Dawkins

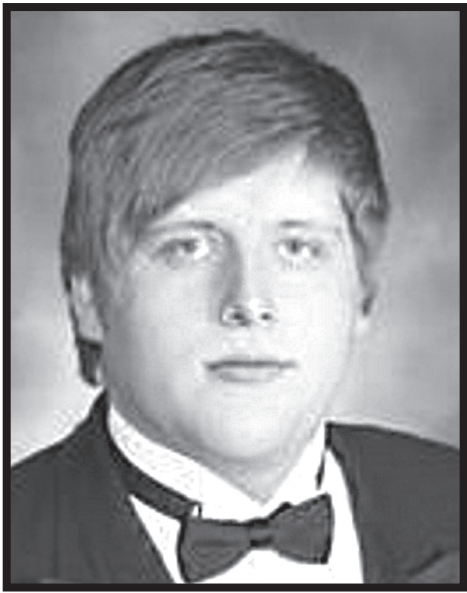
Creede Estes Dawkins is a 2015 graduate of West Monroe High School, West Monroe, Louisiana. He is the son of Howell and Selida Dawkins and the grandson of Wallace and Nora Dawkins, and Harley and the late Dillon Beebe. He was a member of WM Rebel Choir, Louisiana Music Educators’ Association District Honor Choir, a four year member of the West Monroe High School Rebel Band, Louisiana Music Educators’ Association District Honor Band, Drama Club, Character Counts Club, Student of the Month Club, Biology Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Fellowship of Christian Students, Community Band Member, West Monroe 3.5 Honor Club, Senior of Distinction, Boy Scout Troop Guide, Boy Scout Marksman, and Future Eagle Scout. He enjoys music, acting in plays and singing. He plans to attend the University of Louisiana at Monroe in the Fall to pursue a degree in Music Education and Music Ministry.



Nathan Standridge

Nathan Standridge is a 2015 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. He is the son of William and June Standridge.

While in school, he participated in speech, music and video games. His future plan is to become a software engineer.



Richard Reding

Richard Reding, of Ardmore, Okla., is a 2015 graduate of Capella University, Master’s of Business Administration program. He is the son of Mike and Gay Lynn Reding, and grandson of Chuck Reding and Richard and Phyllis Turner. He currently serves the Chickasaw Nation as an assistant general manager of Riverwind Casino.



Mark Allen Blackburn

Mark Allen Blackburn is a 2015 graduate of the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tenn. He is the son of Darlene Meyer and John (Gil) Blackburn, of Orlando, Fla., grandson of the late Patricia and Delbert Meyer, of Texas, and the great grandson of the late Priscilla Cravens Kegans, of Texas.

He graduated cum laude and obtained a bachelor of music degree with a concentration in vocal performance.

His studies included classical music and opera. Mark had roles in five operas at the University of Memphis and the professional company of Opera Memphis. He was a member of the University Chamber Choir and University Singers. He participated in numerous ensembles and church choir events while studying. He is a talented tenor.

He will pursue his dream of performing musical theatre while working at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. He and his family are grateful for the scholarships made available to him by the Chickasaw Nation. SING ON, Mark!



Oklahoma Business Week

Governor challenges students to discover creativity, passion

ADA, Okla. – A passion for creativity is as essential in the business world as it is in the arts, Gov. Bill Anoatubby told Oklahoma Business Week (OBW) students June 5.

“People don’t always equate

creativity with business,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “They think of the arts. But business requires as much creativity as anything. It is vital in a business setting, from problem-solving to developing new products.”



Governor Bill Anoatubby, far left, and East Central University President John Hargrave, far right, join 18 Chickasaw students who completed a week of study, fun and hands-on training at the 4th annual Oklahoma Business Week, hosted by East Central University and sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.



Governor Bill Anoatubby addresses Oklahoma Business Week students, parents and educators June 5 at East Central University. East Central President John Hargrave, right, listens to Governor Anoatubby’s remarks.

Speaking on stage at the Ataloa Theatre on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Gov. Anoatubby said “there are endless opportunities to use creativity and innovation in business.” He specifically cited smart phones and “sticky notes” as two classic examples.

“Now, they are part of everyday life,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Passion drives

innovation. It’s important to find your passion – what you truly believe in – so you can spark an idea that can grow into something remarkable.”

OBW is the brainchild of East Central University faculty, instructors and administrators. For one week each summer, students from across Oklahoma, Texas and surrounding states learn about business, how to interview with strength and confidence, how to develop products and build a business plan for success.

This year, students also learned the value of using social media to promote and spread the word about products and their businesses.

East Central University celebrated the fourth year of hosting Oklahoma Business Week.

A total of 18 Chickasaw high school students participated with a total number of approximately 80 students taking part.

OBW offers students first-hand experience in the world of business. Students become part of a “company” and work together in various events and competitions.

Students interact and learn from community business leaders. Students gain skills in leadership, communication, team building, responsibility, money management, entrepreneurship, and marketing.

The specialized training and educational opportunities are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and East Central University.

Other sponsors include People’s Electric Cooperative, Vision Bank, Bank First, Citizens Bank and Oklahoma Gas and Electric.

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Baylor University’s Bryce Petty selected in fourth round by team looking for quarterback help

Chickasaw QB drafted by NY Jets

WACO, Texas – New York City!? Chickasaw citizen and Big 12 conference football championship quarterback Bryce Petty is going there. He led the Baylor University Bears to a conference championship last year.

He was drafted in the fourth round of the National Football League draft.

Big 12 football fans drummed their fingers for three long days before Mr. Petty was tapped. Many – including the Dallas Morning News – speculated a surprise first-round pick to the Dallas Cowboys as the eventual replacement for an aging Tony Romo.

However, Sports Illustrated magazine predicted Mr. Petty would go late in the draft because the nation’s two premiere quarterbacks were in the mix.

2013 Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston, quarterback at Florida State, was selected first overall by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and 2014 Heisman winner Marcus Mariota was selected second overall by the Tennessee Titans. Mr. Mariota spent his college career at the University of Oregon.

Mr. Petty was selected 103rd overall. He signed a four-year, \$2.8 million contract with the Jets, who had an 8-8 season record in 2014.

Art Briles, Baylor University head football coach, said he believed Jets fans were “in for a big treat” with Mr. Petty, according to the New York Daily News.

“He’s a great player,” Coach Briles said. “Was Joe Montana in a system? Is Tom Brady in a system? Everybody’s in a system. It’s just about how you adapt. He’ll do well in whatever he’s asked to do.”

Mr. Petty’s performance at Baylor was impressive. He did a great job of taking over for Robert Griffin III, his predecessor who won the 2011 Heisman Trophy and now plays for Wash-

ington.

In his two seasons as Baylor’s starting quarterback, Mr. Petty passed for 61 touchdowns and 10 interceptions, racking up more than 8,000 yards.

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Chickasaw Bryce Petty was taken in the fourth round of the NFL draft.

Chickasaw youth take to the courts

ADA, Okla. - Many Chickasaw youth found their passion for tennis this summer during the annual tennis clinics Oklahoma June 8-11. Over 100 young athletes from ages 8 to 18 took to the courts to learn the sport from basic to advanced tennis.

Tennis clinic participant Reese Siegle, 13, friends and twin brother introduced him to the Chickasaw tennis camp. Reese

and his twin brother, Christian Siegle have been attending the tennis clinic for two years. Both Reese and Christian said this summer clinic has improved their tennis skills and mental game. The twins have both won local and state tennis tournaments.

“Let’s try tennis. Let’s go hit one day,” Christian said. “Then, we both found out we have a passion for the sport.”



Student instructor Taylor Woods showing her skills on the Ada Tennis Courts and instructing her students. Photo by Jaqueline Sparks



Student Reese Siegle taking a break while awaiting his next match. Photo by Jaqueline Sparks

It’s been a very good experience for both boys.

“Don’t be scared to play with people with better skills. That is how you get better,” Reese said, “We have highly experienced coaches in this clinic.”

The clinic offered sessions for beginner and advanced players. Younger players learned the basic fundamentals

of tennis, while children ages 12- 18 were given lessons and drills to improve their skills of the court.

Seasoned tennis instructors and student athletes served as instructors. Skip Griese, Terry Swopes and Carolyn Nimmo were among the coaches.

Mrs. Nimmo has been coaching tennis for 48 years. She is an instructor for Team Chickasaw and known for producing state champions. Her former tennis student, Taylor Woods, 18, started attending this camp when she was in fourth grade.

“I was really shy when I first came to this camp,” Miss Woods said. “Throughout the years, it has not only helped my tennis game, but has helped me grow out of my shyness.”

Her tennis skills have grown, Miss Woods said, and she has also gained relationships through this tennis clinic.

“This is where I’ve been taught everything about tennis and met great people,” she said.

Miss Woods encourages anyone that is interested in tennis to join.

“Just sign up and don’t be shy. Everyone, even the coaches, are friendly and will work with you,” she said.

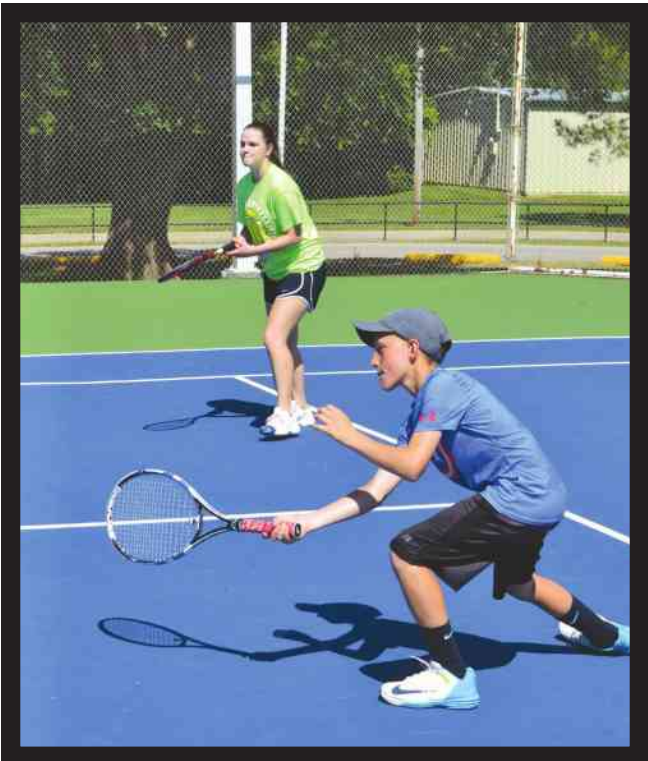
Miss Woods is acting as a student instructor for Ada Tennis Clinics this summer.

“When I look at

these kids, I see myself when I first started out,” she said. “That encourages me to put as much effort as the coaches did with when I was young and just starting out. I know what is like to be in their shoes.”

In 2014, Miss Woods won the Oklahoma Class 4A No.1 Singles State Tennis title her junior year at Ada High School. Her senior year, she took first place in No.1 doubles with her partner, Natalie Keel.

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Laura Burden and Christian Siegle playing doubles at the Advanced Tennis Clinic June 10 at the Ada Tennis Courts. Photo by Carmen Carter

Practice and focus pay off for Chickasaw prep golfer

Tempo. Focus. Practice.

For 15-year-old Chloe Black, these are the elements of a consistent golf swing. A consistent swing makes for a consistent game that can be improved.

Picking up her golf clubs for the first time at age 10 to play for fun with her father, Miss Black is now one of only five percent of women golfers nationally who can score in the 70s when playing an 18-hole round.

“I started golfing to spend time with my dad and friends,” she said. “When I started keeping up and even beating them, I realized golf was something I might be good at. About a year and a half ago, it dawned on me I had real potential. It feels great that my hard work is really paying off, so I keep playing.”

With each passing year, Miss Black continues to improve her game. She attributes her success to a little bit of natural athleticism, but mostly to goal setting and hours of practice.

“I practice an hour and a half three to four times a week,” she said. “The days I don’t practice, I am usually playing in a tournament. At my latest tournament, I shot my all-time best with a score of 74.”

Her greatest strength in her game is driving. She has the ability to repeatedly place the ball in the middle of the fairway,

allowing for easier shots as she advances toward her target.

According to her father and tournament caddy Corey Black, she spends hours on the driving range practicing the fundamentals of her swing.

“At the driving range, she works on her posture, body alignment and ball position,” Mr. Black said. “She also spends a lot of time working on her

short game (shots under 50 yards) and putting. Golf is about being able to repeat the same thing over and over.”

Miss Black said before she hits any ball she thinks about the tempo of her swing.

“If I don’t take my time and focus on tempo, I will often hit the ball thin (too high),” she said. “My coach makes me say one word before I take my swing, and that’s ‘tempo’.”

The mantra provided by Miss Black’s coach has improved her game. She has placed in the top three of seven high school tournaments as a freshman, including two first-place wins. During conference play she finished second overall.

“She has never finished under fifth at any of her high school tournaments,” Mr. Black said.

Her performance helped lead the Newcastle(OK) High School girl’s golf team to its first appearance at the Class 4A state championship tournament.

At the state tournament, Miss Black was individual state championship runner-up, just three strokes behind the leader.

“The two goals I set for myself were to win two high school tournaments and finish runner-up at state,” she said. “I did both. I

think that is pretty good. I haven’t set my goals yet for next year.”

Miss Black does have one long-term dream. She plans to attend a university and is working hard now to ensure she will earn a place on a college team and receive athletic scholarships.

According to Miss Black, more than 30 percent of scholarships earmarked for women golfers go unclaimed each year. She believes everyone who has the opportunity to golf should do so for the scholarship opportunities. Through golf, she has learned that if a person works hard, anything is possible.

Playing For Team Chickasaw

Earlier this year, Miss Black earned a position on Team Chickasaw while competing at the Native American Junior Open in Thackerville, Okla. As one of five qualifying for a spot on the female team, she will represent the Chickasaw Nation in many state and regional tournaments throughout the year. This will be her second year on Team Chickasaw.

“Playing for Team Chickasaw, I get to experience new places, courses and hang out with some good people,” Miss Black said. “I have played in the Jim Thorpe games and traveled to Wichita



Fifteen-year-old Chloe Black helped lead Newcastle (OK) High School girls golf team to its first appearance at the Class 4A state championship tournament. She has individually placed in the top three at seven high school tournaments as a freshman, including two first-place wins.



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Falls for the Texas/Oklahoma open with Team Chickasaw. I am looking forward to the playing in Santa Fe.”

Throughout the years, her parents, Corey and Kathy Black, have been supportive and are proud of her accomplishments. They have attended all of the more than 30 golf tournaments in which she has competed.

“I get lots of support from my family, namely from my mom and dad,” Miss Black said. “My mom sits through all my summer tournaments. She dreads every minute of it because it is so, so hot. But she stays for all of them, even when she is ready to go home.”

CONTRIBUTED BY KC Cole, Public Affairs.

Chickasaw youth learn about crime and punishment during annual Court Camp

From touring law enforcement facilities to participating in a mock trial, Chickasaw youth got an up-close look at how laws the legal system work during this summer’s Court Camp.

plaintiff, bailiff and attorneys. Using a script, they acted out a “mock” trial. Kristine Huntsman and Robin Rollins, both Chickasaw Nation Justice assistant general counsels, guided the students.

Melvin Burris presented the students with handmade jewelry. The boys received arrow-head necklaces and the girls received



Jaylen Gore voluntarily strapped in a restraining chair during a demonstration at the Pontotoc County Jail.

bracelets. He later hosted a martial arts demonstration that included breaking boards.

“If you have a strong determi-

nation, you can persevere through anything in life,” Melvin Burris said.

Rachael Wedlow and Clovis Hamilton of the Chickasaw Nation Language Department presented lessons on language. Tee Edwards, from the Chickasaw Peacemaking Court, taught peacemaking tactics and explained how to resolve an issue without conflict.

On the last day of the camp, students toured the Council on Law Enforcement Educa-



Ada County Jail Administrator Mike Finnett gave judicial participants a tour of the Pontotoc County Jail.

The Yaankni’ Inaalhpisaat Chokma Camp promotes leadership, growth and an understanding of the tribal legal system. Twenty-nine students participated in the two-day youth camp. Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon served as camp main coordinator.

Lighthorse Police Chief Randy Wesley and Sgt. Dusk Monetatchi told students the importance of making great decisions. The officers presented the D.A.R.E. program, Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Chief Wesley and Sgt. Monetatchi also instructed students on police training tactics and requirements. Additional Lighthorse staff conducted a “mock” traffic stop to inform students of safety precautions police officers must follow.

Students were split into groups of jurors, defendant,

Melvin Burris, former Chickasaw legislator and Chickasaw Nation Commerce employee, shared the story of his legendary grandfather, Mose Burris.

Moses Burris was a Choctaw citizen and Lighthorse lawman for 88 years. He was the most notable Native American U.S. Deputy Marshall under the jurisdiction of Isaac “Hanging Judge” Parker, who appointed him in 1884.



Robin Rollins, Assistant General Counsel, instructing students before the “mock” trial in the Judicial Building Court.

tion and Training (CLEET) facility in Ada. Students toured CLEET’s mock crime scene room. CLEET’s officers in training use the room to practice crime scene investigation.

Students also received a tour of Chickasaw Nation Legislative building and Pontotoc County jail facilities.

After the tours, they returned to the Chickasaw Judicial Building for a judicial scavenger hunt. Once the camp was completed, U.S. Department of Justice representatives Karol Mason, Beth McGarry, Tammie Gregg, Gena Tyner-Dawson, Mikki Atsatt, Jim Borden and Charles Addington received a tour of the Judicial Branch. After the tour was completed, they all expressed how impressed they were with the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch and Judicial Camp.

Ms. Mason stressed the importance of educating youth regarding the legal system.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carmen Carter, Public Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole • June 15, 2015
Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Katie Case
Absent: Mary Jo Green

Finance Committee • June 8, 2015
Present: Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Linda Briggs, David Woerz, Connie Barker
Absent: Steve Woods

Health Care Committee • June 8, 2015
Present: Katie Case, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood
Absent: Steve Woods, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee • June 8, 2015
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, David Woerz
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods

Education Committee • June 8, 2015
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Shana Hammond

Legislative Committee • June 8, 2015
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Dean McManus

Finance Committee • June 15, 2015
Present: Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Linda Briggs, David Woerz, Connie Barker, Steve Woods

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE	
Legislative Session	
Legislature Building	
Ada, Oklahoma	
June 19, 2015	
AGENDA ITEM #1	CALL MEETING TO ORDER
AGENDA ITEM #2	ROLL CALL
AGENDA ITEM #3	INVOCATION
AGENDA ITEM #4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 22, 2015
AGENDA ITEM #5	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
AGENDA ITEM #6	REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
GR32-031, Approval of Development Budget Amendment, Emergency Medical Services Building

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
GR32-027, Authorization for Real Property Lease in McClain County
GR32-028, Quit Claim Deed for the Purpose of Clearing Title Defect
GR32-029, Authorization for Acceptance of Right-Of-Way and Easement in Johnston County
GR32-030, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

AGENDA ITEM #7	NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
AGENDA ITEM #8	ADJOURNMENT

ELECTION SCHEDULE

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION
2015 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 1-3:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary’s office)

June 5:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 8:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary’s office) - Candidates may pick up print-outs & CD’s.

June 8:
Last day to submit photo & biography to “Chickasaw Times” (by 4:00 pm) - Press release for candidates (news/media)

June 29:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 6:
Voter registration closes.

July 7:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated printouts & CD’s.

July 9:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

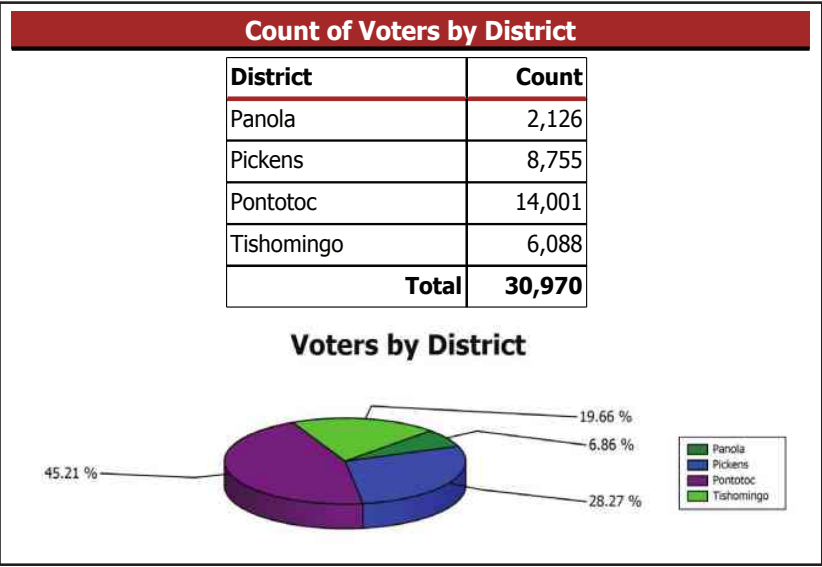
July 23:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 28:
2015 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.) - Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately. Press Release made to public.

July 28:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

July 31:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)



MAY 2015 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 15, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Staff present: Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel; Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: Mike Watson, Gene Lehman, Rose Jefferson, Clint Hardison, Michael L. Wingo, Tom Bolithio

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 17, 2015
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of April 17, 2015.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2015 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz.

General Resolution Number 32-023, Resolution Granting Permission to use a Likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation (Marshall County, Oklahoma)

This resolution approves the request of Marshall County, Oklahoma, speaking through their Chairman and District 2 Commissioner Erin Lemons, to display the likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation in the Marshall County Courthouse. The display will commemorate the respect, admiration and cooperation that the Chickasaw Nation and Marshall County share as neighbors in Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR32-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 32-024, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw Burial Policy)

This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 3 Section 2-301.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to remove obsolete language from the Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR32-024.

Mrs. Alexander stated she was pleased the amount was raised for burial. Ms. Briggs noted there were other tribal programs that also contributed to this cause.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-024 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 32-025 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire real property in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Purcell campus properties, 1413, 1415, and 1417 Green Avenue, Purcell, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR32-025.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-025 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 32-026, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol campus properties at 105 South Fisher and 106 South Capitol Streets, Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR32-026.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-026 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on the Coal and Asphalt Case and asked that an accounting be obtained on this settlement. Chairperson Barker congratulated Ms. Rose Jefferson for her induction into the Hall of Fame.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Submitted by:

Nancy Elliott, Secretary Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

MAY 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number GR32-027
Authorization for Real Property Lease in McClain County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc. ("Love's") desires to lease property from the Chickasaw Nation for the construction and operation of a full service travel stop for a rental fee not to exceed \$150,000 per annum for a term not to exceed forty (40) years, and

WHEREAS, that real property in Newcastle, McClain County, Oklahoma (the "Property"), is described as: That part of the South Half (S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Three (3), Township Nine (9) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the South line of said South Half (S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4), 100.00 feet West of the Southeast Corner of South Half (S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4); THENCE West along the South line of said South Half(S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) a distance of 1,000.00 feet; THENCE North 37 degrees 57 minutes East a distance of 634.1 feet to a point which is 500.00 feet North of South line of said South Half (S/2) of the Southeast Quarter(SE/4) and 710.00 feet West of the East line of said South Half (S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4); THENCE East and parallel to the South line of said South Half (S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) a distance of 510.00 feet; THENCE South 30 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of 200.00 feet; THENCE South and parallel to the East line of said South Half(S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) a distance of 326.80 feet to the point of beginning, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. Said described tract contains 9.04 acres, more or less, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation shall reserve a portion of the Property to construct and operate a licensed gaming facility, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation has determined that the leasing of the Property to Love's for the construction and operation of a full service travel stop together with the Nation's licensed gaming facility is in the best interest of the Chickasaw Citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement will require approval of the Secretary of the Interior of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 415.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Real Property Lease and the terms thereof in favor of the Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 19, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-028
Quit Claim Deed for the Purpose of Clearing Title Defect

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation and described as the South Half (S/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 6, T1N, R7W, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, an error had been made in the filing of the warranty deed thereby conveying property not intended to be conveyed to the Chickasaw Nation., being described as;

A tract of land described as beginning 1322.19 feet N 00°00'45" W and 96.00 feet S 89°54'48" W of the Southeast corner of Section 31, T2N, R7W, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma and being on the West Right of Way line of US Highway 81; Thence S 89°54'48" W along the South boundary of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4) of said section a distance of 564.93 feet to a point being the Southwest corner of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4; thence N 00°00'11" E along the West boundary of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4 a distance of 330.50 feet to a point being the Northwest corner of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4; Thence N 89°54'34" E along the North boundary of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4 a distance of 560.83 feet to a point on said West Right of Way of US Highway 81; Thence S 00°42'21" E along said Right of Way a distance of 330.56 feet to the point of beginning, containing 186,043.88 square feet or 4.27 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation desires to maintain a friendly and good neighbor relationship and needs to convey the erroneous parcel by quit claim deed back to the rightful owner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to execute a Quit Claim Deed which conveys the erroneous parcel to the rightful owner.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 15, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: In order to maintain a friendly and good neighbor relationship, it is recommended that this parcel be conveyed to the rightful owner. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to issue a Quit Claim Deed to real property, described as follows:

A tract of land described as beginning 1322.19 feet N 00°00'45" W and 96.00 feet S 89°54'48" W of the Southeast corner of Section 31, T2N, R7W, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma and being on the West Right of Way line of US Highway 81; Thence S 89°54'48" W along the South boundary of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4) of said section a distance of 564.93 feet to a point being the Southwest corner of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4; thence N 00°00'11" E along the West boundary of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4 a distance of 330.50 feet to a point being the Northwest corner of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4; Thence N 89°54'34" E along the North boundary of said S/2 SE/4 NE/4 SE/4 a distance of 560.83 feet to a point on said West Right of Way of US Highway 81; Thence S 00°42'21" E along said Right of Way a distance of 330.56 feet to the point of beginning, containing 186,043.88 square feet or 4.27 acres more or less.

Property Location: Stephens County
Purpose: For the purpose of clearing a title
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-029
Authorization for Acceptance of Right-Of-Way and Easement in Johnston County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acceptance of the granted Perpetual Right-of-Way and Easement in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma described as follows:

A road and utility easement described as: The East Half of South Mickle Avenue, a.k.a. the East 30.00 feet of South Mickle Avenue, lying within and being a portion of a Tract bounded between Block 108 on the West and Block 109 on the East and running perpendicular to West Main Street on the North and on the South by West Neil Armstrong, a.k.a. Eleventh Street as shown on the official plat and survey of the City of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, subject to easements, rights-of-way and Restrictions, recorded or implied, if any, thereof, hereinafter the "Easement," and

WHEREAS, the granted Perpetual Right-Of-Way and Easement shall permit the Chickasaw Nation, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and authority to ingress and egress to and from across adjoining land of the Grantor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to accept the granted Perpetual Right-Of-Way and Easement in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 19, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept the granted Right-Of-Way and Easement in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, the easement described as:

A road and utility easement described as: The East Half of South Mickle Avenue, a.k.a. the East 30.00 feet of South Mickle Avenue, lying within and being a portion of a Tract bounded between Block 108 on the West and Block 109 on the East and running perpendicular to West Main Street on the North and on the South by West Neil Armstrong, a.k.a. Eleventh Street as shown on the official plat and survey of the City of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, subject to easements, rights-of-way and Restrictions, recorded or implied, if any, thereof.

Easement Location: Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Use: For Ingress and Egress to the new Chickasaw Nation Visitors Center
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-030

MAY 2015 RESOLUTIONS

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma described as follows:

The S/2 of NE/4 of SW/4, and the SW/4 of NW/4 of SE/4, Section 4, Township One South, Range Three East, I.B.M., Murray County, Oklahoma, containing 29.94 acres, more or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 19, 2015, by a vote of 10 ayes, 2 nays and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center property described as:

The S/2 of NE/4 of SW/4, and the SW/4 of NW/4 of SE/4, Section 4, Township One South, Range Three East, I.B.M., Murray County, Oklahoma, containing 29.94 acres, more or less.

Property Location: North and adjoining the Cultural Center property in Sulphur, Oklahoma
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center property
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-031
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Emergency Medical Services Building

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Emergency Medical Services Building, Project Number 30-0157-15 in the amount of \$2,800,000.00.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on June 15, 2015, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

CORRECTION

On May 19, 2015, Gov. Bill Anoatubby signed a resolution related to Chickasaw burial policy. The resolution had been passed on a unanimous vote by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature May 15, 2015.

The resolution was published in the June *Chickasaw Times*, along with all resolutions approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor in May. An error occurred when "Section 2-301.3, Chickasaw Burial Policy" language was shown as a part of the Chickasaw Nation Code. That language should have been shown as stricken from the Code. It was erroneously published as part of the Code.

Published below is General Resolution Number 32-024, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, in its correct form with the language stricken as approved by the legislature and concurred with by Gov. Anoatubby.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-024
Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code
(Chickasaw Burial Policy)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature has previously enacted language regarding a burial policy, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw tribal Legislature desires to amend that language.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves and adopts the following amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 Section 2-301.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, all other sections and parts of sections to remain the same (additions are shown in red, deletions are stricken through):

“SECTION 2-301.3 CHICKASAW BURIAL POLICY.

~~Reserved. The Chickasaw Nation shall provide monies to serve its citizens under a Burial Grant that allocates to each original enrollee and each full-blood Chickasaw the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and, further provides, that all other citizens of the Chickasaw Nation shall each be allocated from the one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) Burial Grant, a pro-rated share of said Burial Grant in an amount equal to each Chickasaw citizen's percentage of Chickasaw descent as shown on their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDB) Card. This grant shall be administered to meet needs which are unmet by burial plans or burial insurance held by the decedent. Said funds will be paid directly to the funeral home."~~

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on May 15, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

April and May 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

Tagynn McKayde Tisdell
Tagynn McKayde Tisdell, 13, daughter of Tony and Alecia Pollock is a 2015 recipients of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement



Tagynn McKayde Tisdell

ment Award.
Tagynn is in the eighth grade at Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (OVCA) in Kingston, Oklahoma. She was nominated by her science teacher, Kate Pitcock.
“Tagynn has impressed all of her teachers at OVCA. In fact, she has selected Student of the Month twice this year. I predict great things for Tagynn future,” Miss Pitcock said.
Tagynn’s hobbies include playing guitar, reading books, drawing and playing with her three dogs.
“I enjoy all of my classes, but really love my science and music courses.”
Tagynn’s future goals include becoming a musician or a veterinarian.

Melissa Ellis
Melissa Ellis, 18, daughter of Amie and Bo Ellis is a 2015 recipients of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Melissa Ellis

Melissa is a senior at Byng High School in Ada, Oklahoma. She was nominated by Byng’s Indian Education Coordinator, Stephanie DelFrate.
“Melissa is hardworking student and a great role model for her peers. Melissa is the kind of student the Chickasaw Nation would be proud to support,” Miss DelFrate said.
Melissa’s hobbies include participating in student council, calculus club, Physics Club, Accounting Club and Native Voices.
“I enjoy volunteering my time at the Stonewall Equine Therapy, Compassion Outreach Center, reading to Francis students and recycling. I aspire it help others through making a difference in my community with a positive outlook on life.”
Melissa’s future plans include attending East Central University and obtaining a degree in Accounting and Finance.

Danya Hook
Danya Hook, 16, daughter of Brice and Denise West, is a 2015 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding



Danya Hook

Academic Achievement Award.
Danya is a junior at Tishomingo High School in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. She was nominated by her eleventh grade teacher, Lindsay McCarter.
“Danya has shown accountability, responsibility and eagerness to learn since I have had her in class,” Miss McCarter said. “Once committed, Danya always completes the task at hand. Her ability to con-

quer, sets out to accomplish validates good prospects and works well with others. She is a true asset to my classroom.”
Danya’s hobbies includes art, swimming, golfing and spending time with friends and family.
“I have received the Outstanding Academic Performance Award in English and Reading. I have also received “Future Historian” in 2014. I am a very active member of 4-H. I have received many 4-H awards and have been first place in district for eight years.”
Danya’s future plans include to attend Murray State College, majoring in Graphic Design or Physical Therapy.

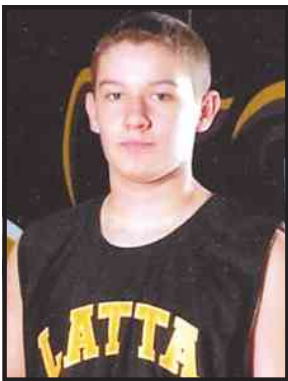
Trystin Esquerra
Trystin Esquerra, 15, son of Typhaney Sims, is a 2015 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement for Chickasaw Language Award.



Trystin Esquerra

Trystin is in the ninth grade at Byng High School in Ada, Oklahoma.
Trystin was nominated by Byng’s Indian Education Coordinator, Stephanie DelFrate.
“Trystin is a hardworking young man, who takes the Chickasaw Language seriously. Tradition and culture is important to him. Trystin does everything he can to keep the Chickasaw language alive and connects with others,” Miss DelFrate said.
Trystin’s hobbies include learning different languages.
“Chickasaw language is important to many people, including myself. It defines who we are, Chickasaw. We have a rich diverse culture. We must preserve this, so that our future generations can learn about their ancestors.”

Chance Perry
Chance Perry, 13, son of Waylon and Kortni Perry, is a 2015 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citi-



Chance Perry

zenship Award.
Chance is in the seventh grade at Latta Jr. High in Ada, Oklahoma.
Chance was nominated by his seventh grade teacher, Roy Deering,
“Chance is energetic, bright, hardworking young man, who has a great attitude. He always brightens the day for those around him,” Mr. Deering said.
Chance’s hobbies include playing baseball, basketball and racing radio controlled cars.
“I love to play baseball and play on a USSA traveling baseball team the Oklahoma Blue Sox. We won the state tournament last fall.”
Chance’s future plans include attending University of Oklahoma for an Engineering Degree and playing baseball.

Lakyn Sandlin
Lakyn Sandlin, 11, daughter of Cody and Lara Sandlin, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship Award.
Lakyn is in the fifth grade at Sands CISD in Ackerly, Texas.
Lakyn was nominated by her fifth grade teacher, Maddie Cave.
“Lakyn is a wonderful asset to our school. She is always prepared in the classroom, a

leader and a mentor for other



Lakyn Sandlin

students around the campus,” Miss Cave said.
Lakyn’s hobbies include playing baseball and cheerleading.
“I was so excited when I officially became a cheerleader. I have so many different opportunities to help other kids at the cheer camp.”

Destiny Ann-Elizabeth Manford
Destiny Ann-Elizabeth Manford, 11, daughter of John and Melissa Manford, is a 2015



Destiny Manford

recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award.
Destiny is in the fifth grade at Mill Creek upper Elementary in Belton, Missouri.
Destiny was nominated by her fifth grade teacher, Nathan Mattson.
“Destiny has been an outstanding student from day one. She has been inducted into the National Honor Society. She always shows great initiative and persistence,” Mr. Mattson said.
Destiny’s hobbies include gymnastics, swimming, painting and spending time with friends.
“I make straight A’s in school. I also participant in gymnastics competitions. I went to a regional competition in Iowa. I took 1st place on vault and 4th place all around.”
Destiny’s future plans is to compete for Missouri Gymnastics team.

Mason Smith
Mason Smith, 12, son of Tina Lasater, is a 2015 recipient of



Mason Smith

the Outstanding Achievement in Athletics.
Mason is in the sixth grade at Deer Elementary in Deer Arkansas.
Mason was nominated by his P.E. coach, Kelsey Hudson.
“Mason is part of the basketball pee wee program. He shows leadership and positive attitude while on the court.”
Mason’s hobbies include playing baseball, archery and skateboarding.
Mason’s future plans include going to college to become an oceanographer.

Rachel Chaffin
Rachel Chaffin, 17, daughter of Richard and Gina Chaffin, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.
Rachel Chaffin is in the eleventh grade at Stanford Online High School in Elk Grove, California.
Rachel was nominated by her math teacher, Bruce Brege.
“Rachel has performed at a high level this year in AP Calculus AB. She has shown keen insight, strong initiative and consistent execution,” Mr.

Brege said.
Rachel hobbies include play-



Rachel Chaffin

ing piano, reading, creative writing, baby sitting and working in a children’s ministry.
“Over the last three years, my passion for the power of speech has been manifested in several ways. Last spring, I wrote a research paper for a history of science class that focused on the cognitive functions involved in an infant acquisition.”
Rachel future plans include attending college to study English and Psychology.

Loreal Harjo
Loreal Harjo, 15, daughter of



Loreal Harjo

Regena and Tim Overbey, is a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Academic Achievement.
Loreal was nominated by her ninth grade teacher, Angela Scott.
“Loreal studies outside of the classroom and always has her work done on time. She has positive attitude and is quick to volunteer anyway she can,” Miss Scott said.
Loreal hobbies include drawing, reading, playing softball and hanging out with friends.
“I am a member of the Seminole County Youth Health Council and a 4-H member. After I receive my degree my degree from University of Oklahoma, I would like to work and take care of other Native Americans.”
Loreal’s future plans is to attend the University of Oklahoma to become a nurse.

Timara Seiberling



Timara Seiberling

Timara Seiberling, 9, daughter of Elisa and Hector Torres, is a 2015 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.
Timara is in the third grade at Barberton Elementary in Barberton, Ohio.
Timara was nominated by her third grade teacher, Beth Bowling.
“Timara is an excellent student. She excels academically. She also is kind, considerate and responsible. I can always count on her to do anything asked,” Miss Bowling said.
Timara’s hobbies include constructing objects from logo blocks and looking for recipes to cook and other ways to express her creativity and imagination.
Timara has also participated in the school choir, performed in plays, skits and choir at church.

Nicole Collins
Nicole Collins, 8, is daughter of Connie Myrick and Jerry Collins, is an Outstanding Citizenship Award.
Nicole is in the second grade at Soldier Creek Elementary in

Midwest City, Oklahoma.
Nicole Collins was nominated by her second grade teacher, Lori Coleman.
“Nicole is an excellent student, hard worker and has a



Nicole Collins

positive attitude in the classroom. She exemplifies good behavior on a daily basis to others,” Miss Coleman said.
Nicole’s hobbies include outdoor activities, playing mancala and reading.
“I love my school! Go Tigers!”
Nicole’s future plans is to go to college and become a dance instructor.

Dylan Darnell



Dylan Darnell

Dylan Darnell, 13, son of David and Amy Darnell, is a 2015 recipient of an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.
Dylan is in the seventh grade at Bristow Middle School in Bristow, Oklahoma.
Dylan was nominated by his seventh grade Language Arts teacher, Mickey Hall.
“Dylan is one of our school’s best student athletes. He has excelled on the football field and in the classroom. He is bright and well-accomplished.”
Dylan hobbies include hunting and fishing.
“I have been on the academic team since 4th grade. My favorite subject in school is science.”
Dylan future plans include attending college.

Cooper Edgar



Cooper Edgar

Cooper Edgar, 8, is the daughter of Stacy and Melissa Edgar, is an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.
Cooper is in the second grade at Homer Elementary in Ada, Oklahoma.
Cooper was nominated by his second grade teacher, Debbie Carter.
“Cooper has shown academic progress in all subject areas and has made outstanding grades this year in second grade. She is a well-mannered girl and has great leadership qualities,” Miss Carter said.
Cooper’s hobbies include watching TV, playing video games, sewing, soccer and sketching.
“I like to ride horses and play with dogs. I like to sew and stitch up my stuffed animals and paint.”
Cooper’s future plans is to become a dog trainer.



**Groundbreaking facility has greeted
365,000 guests since opening in 2010**

Cultural Center celebrates all things Chickasaw

SULPHUR, Okla. - Not too long ago, the Chickasaw Cultural Center was only a dream, fueled by vision of Chickasaws who wanted a place to revitalize, celebrate and share Chickasaw culture.

Chickasaw people envisioned a place Chickasaws could call home and guests could appreciate the story of the Chickasaw people.

Today, a cultural awakening has arisen at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

In the five years since the Cultural Center campus opened, more than 365,000 guests from across the globe have experienced the story of the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Built on the dreams, imagination, determination and vision of Chickasaw citizens, the Chickasaw Cultural Center's serene 109-acre campus has hosted many, from international guests to local school children.

Each aspect, from the trickling water features to the carefully planned café menu, was integrated into the Chickasaw Cultural Center because of its cultural significance.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the Chickasaw Cultural Center was "truly a center of our living culture, because it is built on the ideas, imagination and creativity of Chickasaw people from all walks of life."

"Our Cultural Center offers a unique venue for Chickasaws to immerse ourselves in our culture," he said. "Beyond that, it offers a rare opportunity to help visitors from around the world learn more about our history and heritage."

Grandparents, parents and children visit the Cultural Cen-



Easter Celebration at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

ter and become immersed in the culture, learning the art of beading, basketry, stomp dance, mas light drive-through display, to culturally-centered celebrations such as the Three Sister's Celebration, Children's Festival

and Fall Festival. Military veterans have found a place of honor at the Chickasaw Cultural Center with special observances such as a Veterans Day and Memorial Day and corresponding exhibits which highlight military service.

Campus Grows
The Chickasaw Cultural Center campus has also expanded since opening. Massive outdoor sculptures, such as "The Arrival" by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen, and Joanna Underwood's Southeastern pottery sculptures intermingle with beautiful water and rock

features and native landscaping. The Apisa Art Gallery, opened in 2013, serves as a home of Chickasaw art, a place to appreciate the art and artists of the Chickasaw Nation.

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Learning opportunities have expanded in the Chikasha In-chokka' Traditional Village where energetic cultural instructors, dressed in 1700s regalia, share activities such as stickball

found together in a Florida lake. The special exhibit "1700s Beadwork of Southeastern Tribes" features historical Southeastern tribal beadwork from pre-European contact, is open through November. The beadwork exhibit features 200-year-old artifacts as well as Chickasaw and southeastern tribal beadwork from pre-European contact through today.

Awards and Honors
In the past five years, the Chickasaw Cultural Center has received numerous awards and honors, most recently receiving two RedBud Awards: Best Website and Outstanding Temporary Exhibit: "Dugout Canoes: Paddling through the Americas."

Open to all Oklahoma tourism entities, the RedBud Awards represent the highest honor given in the Oklahoma tourism industry. In 2012, the Center was awarded a RedBud for Best New Attraction.

The interactive nature of the Chickasaw Cultural Center is one reason editors of *Metro Family Magazine* selected the Chickasaw Cultural Center one of the "Best places to learn outside the classroom," in an article published August, 2014. Editors

praised the Chickasaw Cultural Center's "perfect combination of tribal history and modern technology allows kids to become totally immersed in the vibrant history and celebrate the ongoing culture of the Chickasaw Nation."

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The Chickasaw Cultural Center, located at 867 Cooper Memorial Drive, is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (580) 622-7130 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

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"The Arrival" sculpture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

games, cooking demonstrations, language lessons, corn husk doll and archery demonstrations.

The village features traditional Chickasaw homes, a replica mound and cultural instructors demonstrating traditional crafts such as beadwork, basketry and pottery, tanning hides, bow making and flute making.

World-Class Exhibits
The Chickasaw Cultural Center has become a venue for world-class exhibits.

More than 39,000 visitors have experienced the "Dugout Canoes: Paddling through the Americas" exhibit which is open through Sept. 27. This object-rich experience features American dugouts from ancient times to present. The exhibit centerpiece is a magnificent 400-year-old pine dugout canoe and paddle and also highlights artifacts from the world's largest archaeological find --ancient dugouts

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Ribbon cutting at the opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw elder Kennedy Brown ringing the bell at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.



Stickball game during Cultural Night at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Chickasaw Youth Best in Show at Red Earth Festival

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw youth Miko Milligan, of Ada, Okla., and his exceptional artwork took a top prize at the 29th Red Earth Festival, in Oklahoma City, June 5-7. Milligan started creating art at the young age of 5, and was awarded Best in Show for the Youth Art Competition. Miko's "Best in Show" art was created over a three-day period during the Chickasaw Arts Academy Summer Session July 2014, an in-depth, three-week camp. The 3D art class was selected by Miko because of his interest in sculpture. Using clay, wood, metal and stained glass, he described how the idea "popped" in his head. During the camp, Brenda Fisher, an art instructor, and Chance Brown, an Arts & Humanities special projects manager, asked the students to create a piece of art with a Chickasaw motif, using their own ideas and a variety of materials. Brown said of Miko's talent and

drive, "He is so willing to learn the processes without any hesitation. He's a very willing student, and he has great potential to be a well-known artist." "Art is work. It's called artwork for a reason, and you have to stay proactive with it and work on it, days-in and days-out. Miko is very capable of becoming a true artist, and we are very proud of him," Mr. Brown said. Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities offers several programs to prepare, instruct and nurture the talent of young, budding Chickasaw artists. The Chickasaw Young Artists Studio is one of the programs connecting students with art professionals to enhance their technical skills, build portfolios and assist in submitting art for competition. The Red Earth Festival is a premiere venue for visual and performing arts. Artists from across the U.S. meet at the festival each year to share their passion and heritage with the community.

Chickasaw artists placed in several categories during the Red Earth Festival. Art competition award winners included Margaret Roach Wheeler, first place in textiles with "Tribal Dress"; and Tyra Shackelford Wallace, second place with "Traditional Fingerwoven Belt with Beads." Bladesmith Daniel Worcester was awarded first place in Cultural Items with "Stars and Stripes" and third place in the diversified category with "Sunburst." In the painting category with oil/acrylic Brent Greenwood placed third with "Rethink."



Margaret Roach Wheeler, 1st place with "Tribal Dress" in Clothing, Textiles, Weaving category, Red Earth Festival, Oklahoma City, June 5-7.



Miko Milligan with his Best in Show sculpture from the 29th Red Earth Festival, Oklahoma City, June 5-7.

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| Oklahoma City | 2nd-Aeneas Freeman, | 3rd-Laura Dennis, Ardmore |
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| Oklahoma City | Painting/Drawing | 1st-Caleb Scott, Moore |
| 1st-Nayukpa Ramsey, Ada | Pottery | 2nd-Laura Dennis, Ardmore |
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Armed Forces Career Day for after school kids



The Chickasaw Nation After-School Kids program celebrated Armed Forces Career Day at the Ada Head Start and Glenwood locations June 12. The National Honor Guard presented flags to children and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance. Master Sgt. Clint Caraway and Sgt. 1st Class Cody Simmons of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard, gave children an opportunity to get inside a military humvee and told children of their experiences in the military. Special thanks to Bernie Seeley and the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard, Master Sgt. Caraway and Sgt. 1st Class Simmons for coming out and making the day special.

Chickasaw Arts Academy Showcase set for July 31 at Hallie Brown Ford

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities invites all parents, family, friends, guests and the community to the 2015 Chickasaw Arts Academy Showcase. The Showcase begins at 5:30 p.m., Friday, July 31 in the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center on the campus of East Central University. Students will show their talents and newly-learned skills. The Chickasaw Arts Academy-Summer Session Camp is an intensive three-week exploration of fine arts. Students majoring in fine arts kick off the academy July 13. Interdisciplinary and Fine Arts Rotation students begin the following on week July 20. Participants gain experience in the artistic fields of visual arts (2-D & 3-D), theater, creative writing, dance, vocal music, music composition, photography, theater technology, video production, textile design, jazz piano, jewelry/adornment/sculpture in copper and cultural enrichment in Chickasaw and Southeast Native cultures. For more information about the Chickasaw Arts Academy, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Chickasaw Princess Taylor Weems

Chukma, My name is Taylor Weems. I am the 2014-2015 Chickasaw Princess. I've had some amazing experiences while being Princess. My favorite event is the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, N.M. It has opened my eyes to many different cultures. I was able to see many different tribes represented. I learned about the stories their dances tell. When I attended the Miss Indian World pageant I was in awe of how many girls came from all around the world to share their heritage and culture with us. I was surprised to find out we all have so much in common. I loved participating in the grand entries, meeting all the other princesses and watching all the dancers in their beautiful regalia. I have learned many new and exciting things from the various events. I enjoyed meeting new people while at Red Earth. It was great seeing all the artists inspire future generations with their artwork. I am looking forward to volunteering at the Regional Food Bank in Oklahoma City during the month of June. It will be a great learning experience and helping others is a great way to give back. Soon summer will be over and it will be time for the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival. Kicking off the week of Festival will be the Junior Olympics and then the 2015-2016 Chickasaw Princess Pageant on that Monday,



September 28. I want to take this time to encourage each and every girl to participate in the 2015 - 2016 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. See you soon! Yakoke, Taylor Weems 2014-2015 Chickasaw Princess

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Lorena ‘Teener’ Williford Wooley



Lorena “Teener” Williford Wool-ey was born December 16, 1921 and died February 10, 2015 at the age of 93. She was born near Lebanon, Okla. to Dink Ellis and original enrollee Rosie McLish Wil-liford.

She was the great-granddaugh-ter of Edmund Pickens. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert “Bob” Wooley, step-daugh-ter Quint Saunders, and five sib-lings: Ruben Williford, Verna Cobb, John Williford, Pauline Walden Adkins and Rena Friday.

She is survived by her nephew, Stephen Walden and wife, Tina; their children, Jennifer Marchal and Robert Walden; three great grandchildren Ximena, Brooklyn and Corbin; four step grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

She attended Bloomfield School for Girls and then went on to graduate from The Chilocco Indian School in 1942. After moving to Dallas, she met and married Bob and moved to DeSoto, Texas in 1956 where she lived until her death. Over the years she devel-oped numerous skills; waitress, telephone operator, seamstress, beautician, gardener and home-maker. She was a retired member of the Dallas County Home Exten-sion Service and active member of the North Texas Chickasaw Com-munity Council.

Teener loved everyone and ev-ery animal she came into contact with and never met a stranger. She would strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere. She was a skilled seamstress and enjoyed making beautiful quilt tops of which she shared with family and close friends. She had such won-derful memories of growing up in rural Oklahoma, her life, family and adventures.

She fought everyday to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible.

Her will and determination was strong, her heart full and her life rich with family and friends.

Bessie Juanita ‘Tootsie’ Smith



ADA - Services for Bessie Juan-ita “Tootsie” Smith, 74, of Ada, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the High Hill Baptist Church; the Rev. Randy Golden will officiate.

Burial will follow at the High Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith died Sunday, May 17, 2015 at her home. She was bom March 24,1941 in Talihina to Jess and Maggie Cooper Mill-er.

She married Jack Smith on Sept. 10, 1957 in Coalgate.

She was a member of High Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. Smith was a cook at the Homer School caf-eteria for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, R.G., Jimmy and Lloyd Miller.

Survivors include her hus-band Jack Smith, of the home; one daughter, Jackie Williams and Brian England; two sons, Ed Smith and wife, Judy, and Larry Smith and wife, Liz; one sister, Dean Stams; seven grandchil-dren and seven great-grandchil-dren.

Bearers were Justin Smith, Mi-chael Miller, Gary Starns, Ronnie Miller, Keith Miller and Jake Wil-liams. Honorary bearers were Ben Wainscott, Brian England, James Miller, Billy Starns and Tommy Sanders.

Arnethia Dell ‘Sissy’ Brown



It is with heavy sadness that we announce the death of our daugh-ter, sister and aunt Arnethia Dell Brown. “Sissy” as she was known, passed away peacefully Decem-ber 13, 2014 at home in Bedford, Texas. She was born in Ada, Okla. on January 9,1959 to Ardell and Charles H. Brown Sr.

She loved visiting museums, watching movies, reading books and spending time with family and friends. She annually cooked meals for the homeless every Christmas and was always helping those who found themselves in need. Sissy was a talented gospel singer and songwriter who had a beautiful voice. She was also very artistic and created native Ameri-can handicrafts such as beading, jewelry, knitting and cornhusk dolls. She was a hairdresser, stu-dent instructor and recruiter for various beauty colleges. She was a graduate of Word of Faith Bible College and attended Tarrant County Community College and continuing education at The Uni-versity of Texas in Arlington.

Funeral services were on Dec-ember 20, 2014 at Hurst Assem-blies of God in Hurst, Texas, David Pyles of Baruch Ha Shem Messian-ic Synagogue of Dallas officiated. Burial was at Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery in Colleyville, Texas.

She was buried next to her brother Charles “Chuck” Brown Jr. and her cousin Randall Brown.

She was preceded in death by her father Charles Brown “Jack” Sr. and brother Charles Brown “Chuck” Jr.

Left to cherish her memory is her mother, Ardell Brown, broth-ers Clark Brown and Cameron Brown, of Bedford, Texas, sister Arnette “Honey”Seethoff and her husband, Scott Seethoff, of Amarillo, Texas, nieces Kasheena Lawrence, of Conyers, Ga., Cam-eron “Cammy” Seethoff, of Ama-rillo, Texas, and nephew Scotty Seethoff, of Amarillo, Texas.

She was 3/4 Chickasaw and a direct descendant of Winchester Colbert, the second governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Three trees were planted in a circle, in her honor, in the Chil-dren’s Forest in Israel by the Ba-ruch Ha Shem Messianic Congre-gation, of Dallas, Texas.

Michael Brown



6/27/59 - 6/2/07

Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near.

Still loved, still missed, and forever dear.

~Mom, brother and sisters

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2015 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

Eunice Ella Alexander



Eunice Ella Alexander died Friday, May 22, 2015 at an Ardmore hospital. She was born October 5, 1952 in Ravia to Jimson Charles and Lois Keel Alexander. She graduated from high school and received an Associate’s Degree in college.

Ms. Alexander was a creative designer for American Greetings and a member of the Pennington Church. She served in the Oklahoma National Guard.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Jimson Charles Alexander, Jr.; a sister, Barbara Alexander; and three grandchildren, Toni, Jazmien and Kathleen.

Survivors include her daughters, Lisa Marie Garvin and Deadra Lois Garvin, both of Cleveland, Ohio, Toni Garvin, of Ada, Angelica Garvin, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dreanna Johnson, of Ada; a son, Clem Garvin, Jr., of Tahlequah; an adopted granddaughter, Ashley Tso, of Ada; one brother, Glen Keel Alexander, of Ada; four sisters, Deborah Walker and husband, Wayne, of Ada, Sarah Beth Alexander, of Ada, Odelia Tiger, of Ada, and Cheryl Walker and husband, Curtis, of Ada; her grandchildren, Antwain Primm, James Primm, Antonio Primm, Isaiah Primm, Melissa Garvin, Michael Garvin, Joshua Olivaria, Lakayla Garvin and Jonathan Wilde Garvin; and four great-grandchildren, Josiah Torres, Angelise Ella Vazquez, Kaleb Garvin and Melanie Boggess.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Jimson Charles Alexander, Jr.; a sister, Barbara Alexander; and three grandchildren, Toni, Jazmien and Kathleen.

Memorial services for Eunice Ella Alexander, 62, of Ada, were at 1:00 p.m. Friday at the Pennington Church, Pastor Zac Christian officiated.

Loeta Barker Hays



Loeta Barker Hays, 94, died on May 16, 2015 in a local nursing facility. She was born on Feb. 17, 1921 in Haskell County, Okla. to the late Wil-liam Sims and Amy (Nix) Sims.

Loeta and Edward Tracy “Ed” Barker were married in 1941.

An Ardmore resident most of her life, she was of the Bap-tist faith.

She enjoyed fishing, danc-ing, gardening, working and cooking. For several years she cooked and did food prepara-tion in the restaurant of the Holiday Inn.

Loeta’s greatest love was for her family, especially spending time with them. She truly valued her time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Eddie Barker and loving friend Jeanie Robinson; two grand-daughters, Patti Barker Hunt, her husband Stefan, and their children Austin and Preslee Hunt; Kelly Barker Miller, her husband Wesley, and their children Halee Womack, Land-on, Maddison, and Cadence Miller; also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents; a brother, Buddy Sims; sisters, Hester Horton, Eula Griffin, Bula Ward and Bernice Rat-cliffe preceded her in death.

Pallbearers include Stefan Hunt, Wes Miller, Landon Mil-ler, Dylan Baker, Dustin Hatley and Denver Hatley. Honorary bearers will be Thurman Rail, J.D. Dunn, Chelsea Marr, Steve Simpler, Earl Brawley, Bud Gentry and Larry Hatley.

Funeral services for Loeta Barker Hays, 94, were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the Centennial Chapel of Harvey-Douglas Funeral Home conducted by Reverend David Gardner.

Interment followed at the Lone Grove Cemetery.

Steve C. Leslie



Steve C. Leslie (Chumley) went home to be with Lord and his family on June 12, 2015. He passed away at his home as a result of a massive heart at-tack.

Steve retired after work-ing 30 years at Boise Cascade. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and any activity in the great outdoors. He also en-joyed fast cars and restoring the 55 Chevy with his son.

He was a great friend to any person he met. Friends and family called him by his nick-name “Pa”.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends barbequing and eating great food. All of us would join him at his kitchen table laughing and telling funny stories.

When he was not outside he loved watching Nascar, Se-atle Seahawks and the Seattle Mariners. He was very passion-ate for the outcomes of these games. One of his most cher-ish-ed memories was meeting Steve Largent with his wife, Jackie. Jackie had won this special meeting through a ra-dio prize.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie Leslie, his parents Thomas Leslie and Dorothy Leslie, and his brother Bradley Leslie.

He is survived by one son, Steve J. Leslie (Debbie), one sister, Cheryle Keller (Larry, two grand children, Megan Hatch and Dusty Heitzman, one niece, Amanda Mallon, and two nephews, Taylor Keller and Thomas Leslie.

Thank you to everyone who visited Steve, and laughed and cried with him. He will missed by all who loved him. Steve spoke many times of going to Heaven to be with our Lord and Savior and our family who was there waiting for him. He is now home. We love you Steve and you will be missed every day, until we meet again.

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Artesian Arts Festival a big success!

SULPHUR, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation’s Artesian Arts Festival, Saturday, May 23, drew thousands of visitors and dozens of artists to downtown Sulphur to experience, share and celebrate native art.

An estimated 4,500 visitors strolled the Artesian Plaza throughout the day, admiring art in dozens of artists’ booths, which stretch several city blocks.

More than 75 renowned native artists, representing 15 tribes and six states attended the festival. Artists showcased diverse art media and a variety of visual art was on display, from paintings, to jewelry, textiles to bows and



Festival attendees gather at the Artesian Arts Festival main stage to enjoy the music of “Overdrive.” Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.

pottery.

The artists were also demonstrating, sharing and discussing

for cash prizes in numerous categories. Named “Best of Show” at the 2015 Artesian Arts Festival was a beautiful war club by Tom Farris, a Norman-based Cherokee-Otoe artist.

Several activities were offered at the Artesian Arts Festival, including a special area for children’s activities and a senior citizens’ arts and crafts booth, along with live music



More than 4,500 visitors attended the 2015 Artesian Arts Festival, which featured two stages for music entertainment, more than 75 Native artists and dozens of food vendors. Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.

ing their crafts.

Several artists also hosted art talks in the Artesian Hotel.

Artists competed

from two stages and inflatables.

Food vendors served festival favorites including ice cream, cheese fries, onion burgers, barbecue, gumbo, Indian tacos and kettle corn.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, or upcoming Art Festivals in Chickasaw Country, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw artist Mary Ruth Barnes enthusiastically greets visitors to her booth at the 2nd Annual Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur May 23. Mrs. Barnes’ painting of buffalo was awarded a second place by judges. Mrs. Barnes unique style of colors, texture, and symbolism has won many awards.



Laura Stewart, Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Executive Officer, presents Cherokee-Otoe artist Tom Farris, of Norman, Okla., a cash award for “Best in Show” for the beautiful war club he created for the 2015 Artesian Arts Festival. Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.



Richard Thomas, a Chickasaw citizen and expert furniture refinisher for the Friends of the Governor’s Mansion organization, took second place in weaponry with a Chippewa-inspired bow made of Oklahoma native pecan back and white oak belly. It was equipped with mustang horse hair tips, red fox silencers and genuine sinew string. The bow’s handle was made of cowhide and the bow’s bend was perfected after many hours using steam.

2014-2015 Tribal Legislature

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